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A man with a beard and a black beanie is wearing a Riddell football jersey. He is holding a glass of milk in his right hand and has his left arm crossed. The background is a solid blue color.

First and nine.

Milk's number one in my playbook. It has the nine essential nutrients I need to go all the way. So ask somebody to pass the milk. It's your best call.





HEY, DOC,
YOU'VE BEEN
AT THIS FOR
HOURS.

YOU
ALL
RIGHT
?



YOU NEED
ANYTHING?

A
BATHROOM
BREAK,
MAYBE?

DOC?
YOU IN
THERE
?



DR.
STRANGE
♪ ♪



YEEESH,
"STRANGE"
IS RIGHT.



YOU GO
AHEAD AND
LIVE UP
TO THAT
NAME....



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MY PROBLEM?

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING, SWINGING OFF LIKE THAT?!

YOU'RE BEING PARANOID, PETER. THERE'S NOBODY OUT TO GET YOU!

NOT ME, MJ-- US!!

HOW MANY OTHER COSTUMED HEROES DO YOU SEE SWINGING AROUND THE CITY THESE DAYS?

EVER SINCE DOOM KILLED THE PRESIDENT, WE'VE ALL BEEN PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE.



THEN WHY EVEN BOTHER TO TRAIN ME?!

WHY TEACH ME THE WAYS OF THE SPIDER-CLAN IF I WON'T BE ABLE TO PUT IT TO USE?

FOR YOUR PROTECTION, MJ. IF ANYONE EVER COMES AFTER ME, THEY'D BE ABLE TO GET TO YOU. TO YOUR FAMILY...

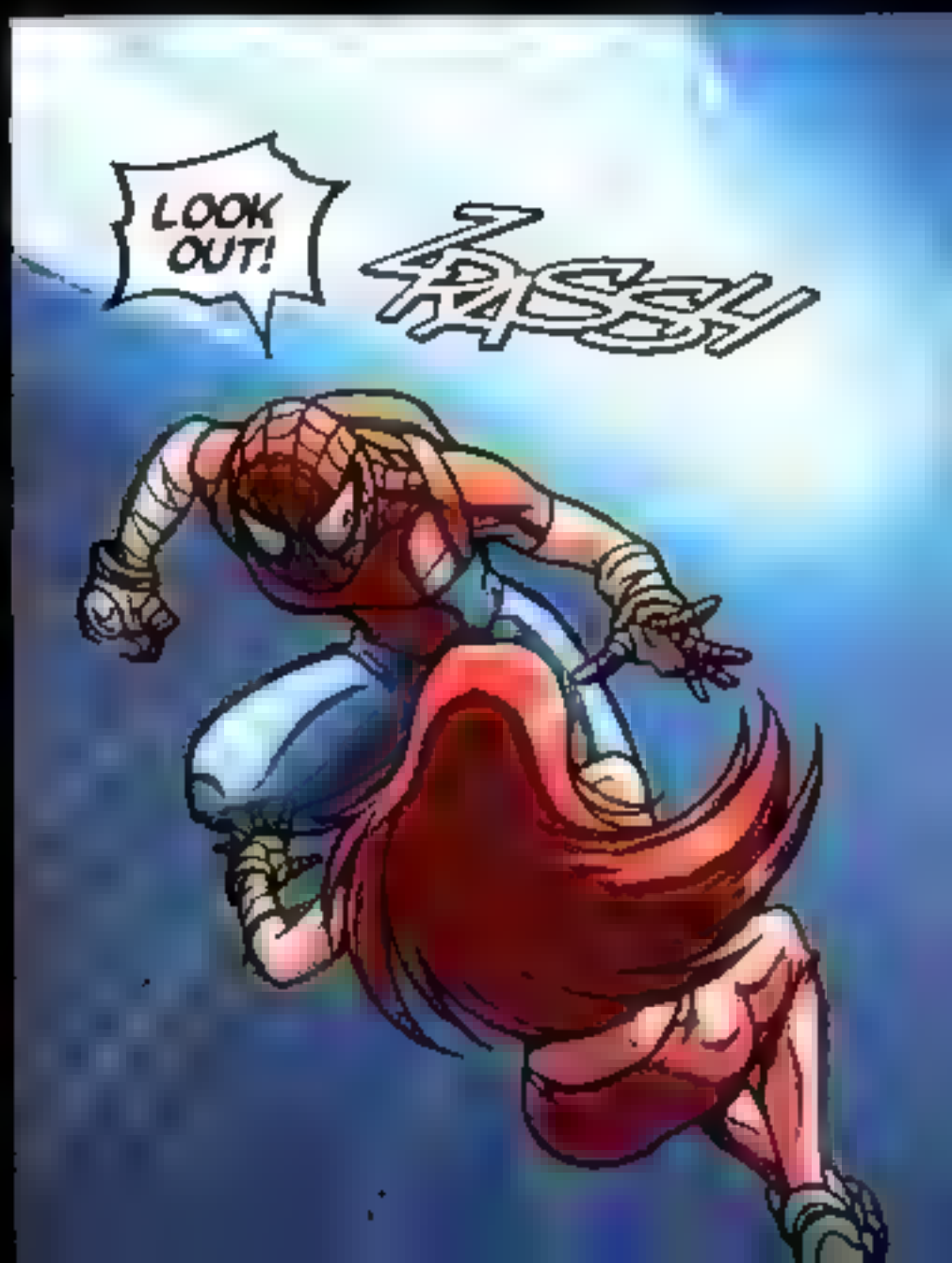
I COULDN'T LIVE WITH MYSELF IF THAT EVER HAPPENED.

I DRAGGED YOU INTO THIS WORLD. I WANT YOU TO STAY IN IT WITH ME.



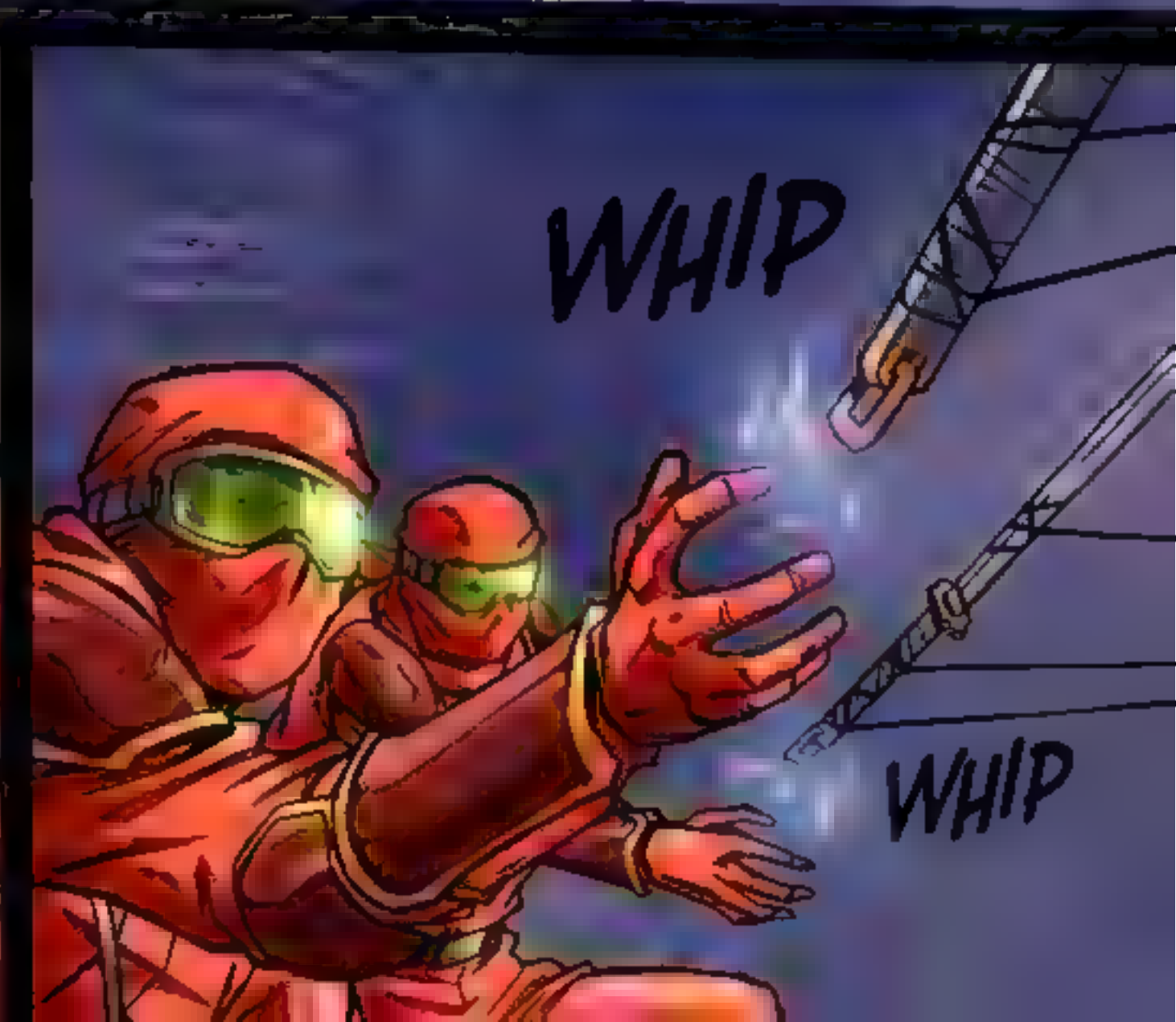
OH, PETER, I KNOW... BUT I'M A BIG GIRL. TO HAVE THESE SKILLS AND NOT USE THEM...

MAYBE SOMEDAY... BUT FOR NOW, NOT DRAWING ATTENTION TO OURSELVES IS THE BEST WAY TO--



LOOK OUT!

CRASH!



SOME PEOPLE WILL WANT A PIECE OF YOUR IDENTITY,
CHANGING IT TO FIT WHAT THEY THINK YOU SHOULD BE,
AND OTHERS WILL WANT A PIECE OF YOUR TIME, WASTING
IT WITH STUFF LIKE GETTING DRUNK AND GETTING HIGH
AND THEN ANOTHER PIECE AND ANOTHER PIECE AND...
IF EVERYONE TAKES A PIECE OF YOU, WHAT'S LEFT OF YOU?



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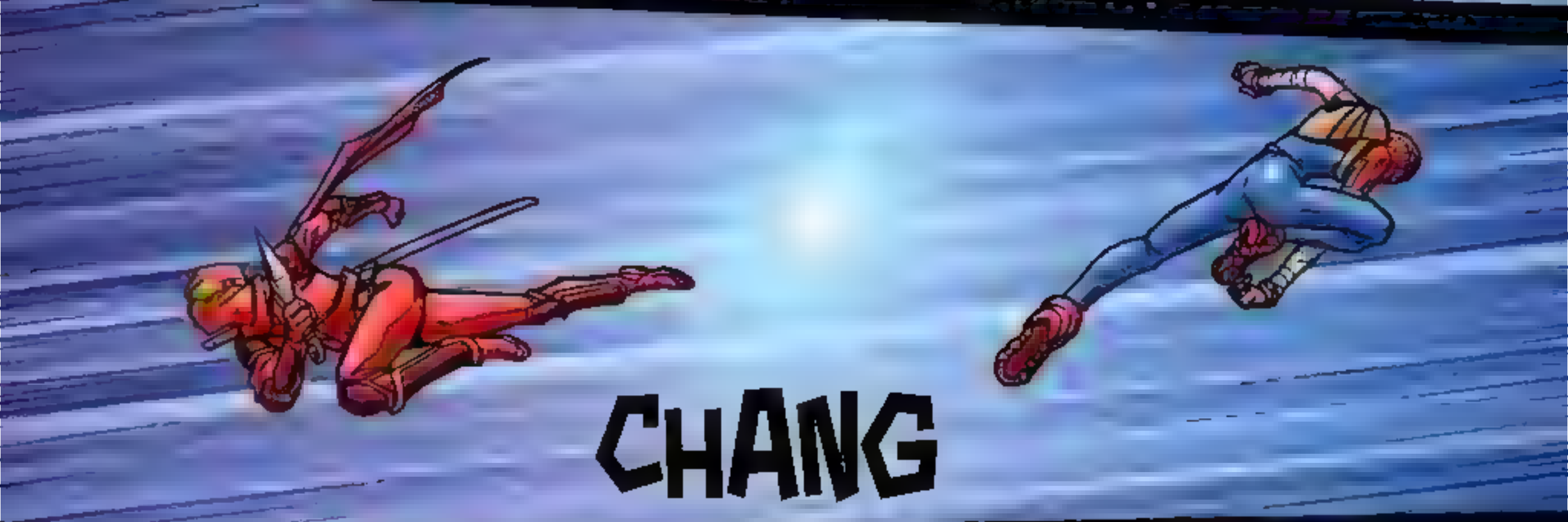


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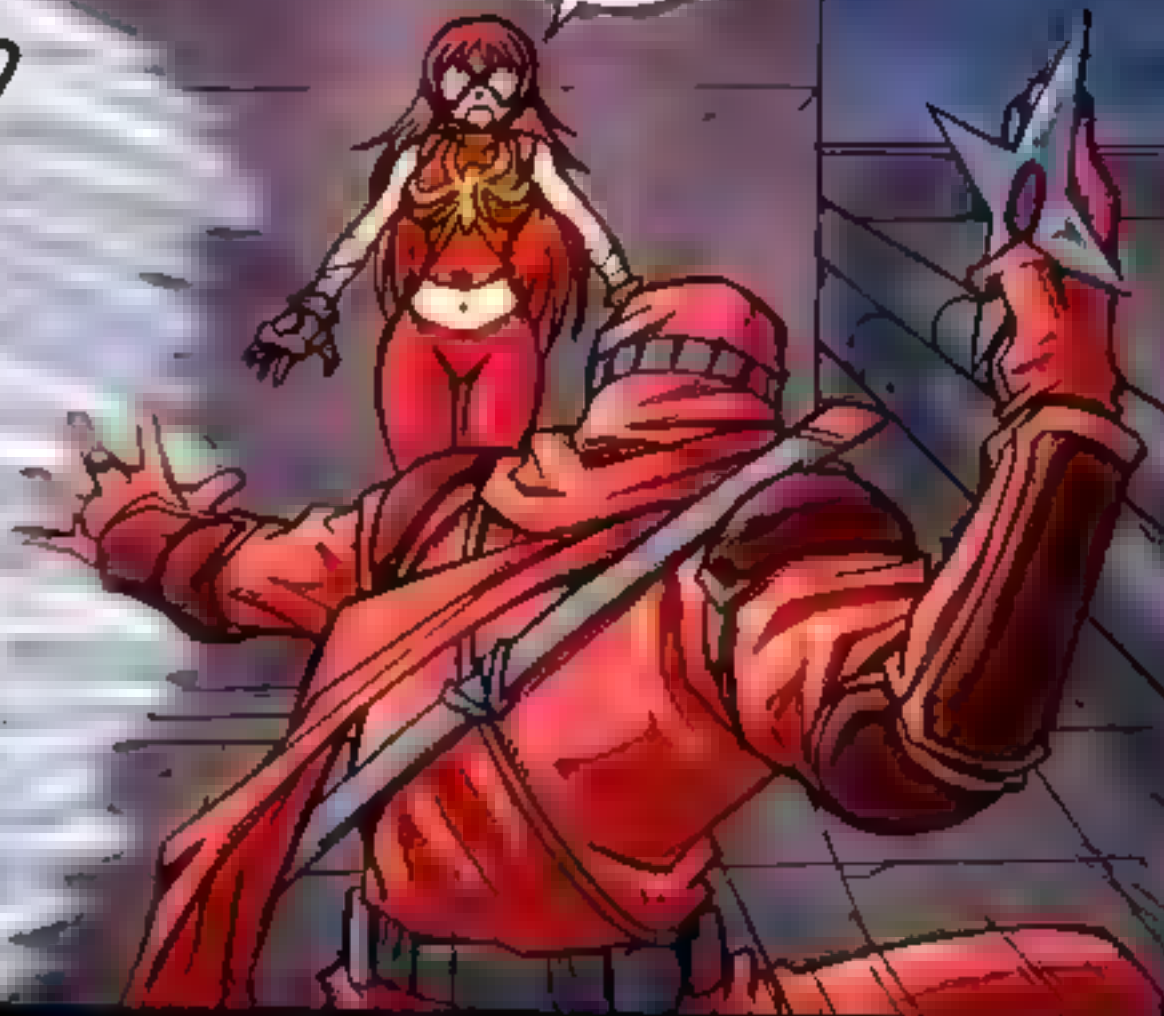
THEY'RE GONNA PULL ON YOU—SOME PEOPLE IN ONE DIRECTION,
AND OTHERS IN ANOTHER AND SOME IN DIRECTIONS THAT YOU KNOW
AREN'T RIGHT FOR YOU. SO AFTER A WHILE, WHAT WILL ALL THAT
PULLING DO TO YOU?





WHOOOSH

PETER!



WHOOOSH



AAAAAIIIEEE!!

SLICE

CHOK

SLICE

WHREE

WHREE

WHREE



WHOOOSH



UNNNFFF!



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I (HEART) MARVEL – Love is in the air in the most surprising places!

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(New Arcs – Not including Number 1's)

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– A new team takes our hero in a feral new direction!

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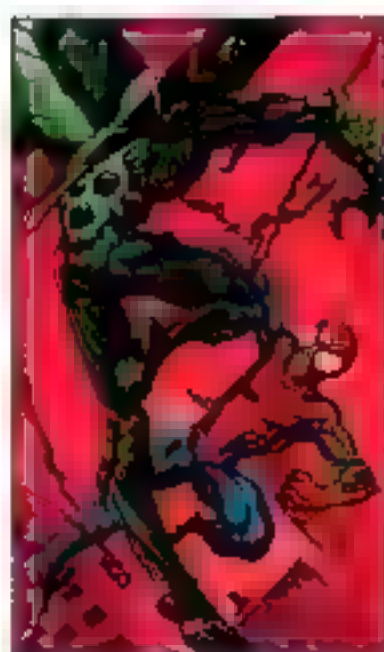
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SPIDER-MAN #5 – Introducing the woman Spider-Man's been stalking?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

(Guest Appearances)



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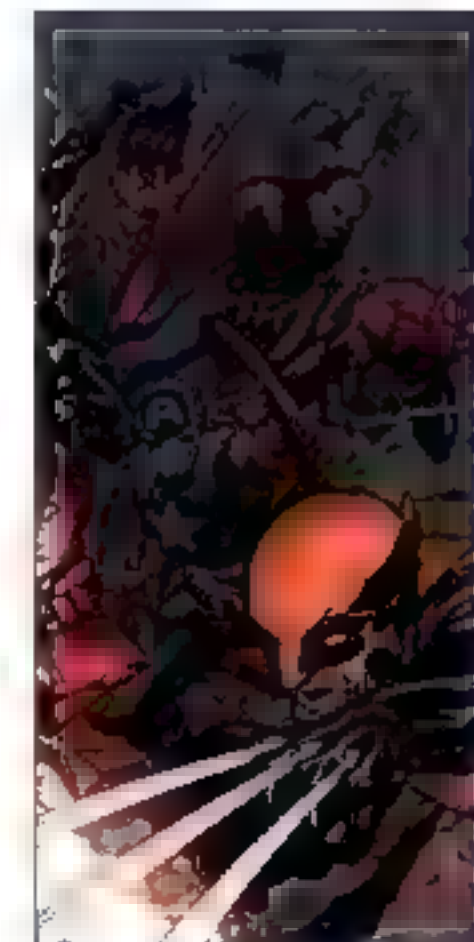
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SHE-HULK #5 – Shulkie gets a brand new cast member!

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– Professor X's darkest secret stands revealed before all!

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Any particular reason you sleep through the entire winter?

Other than I'm a bear?

I guess you don't have Real Time™ 4-wheel drive for winter conditions.

No, I'm afraid I don't.

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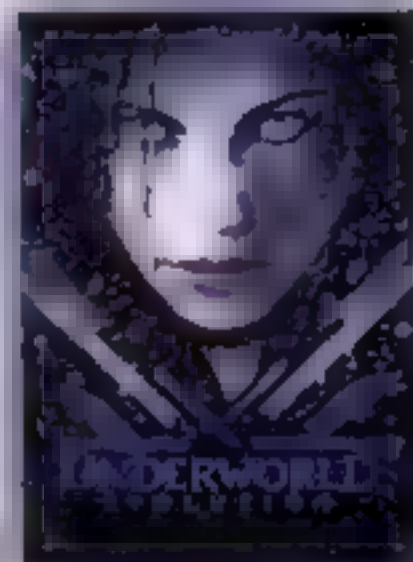
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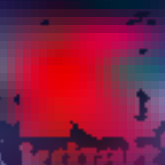
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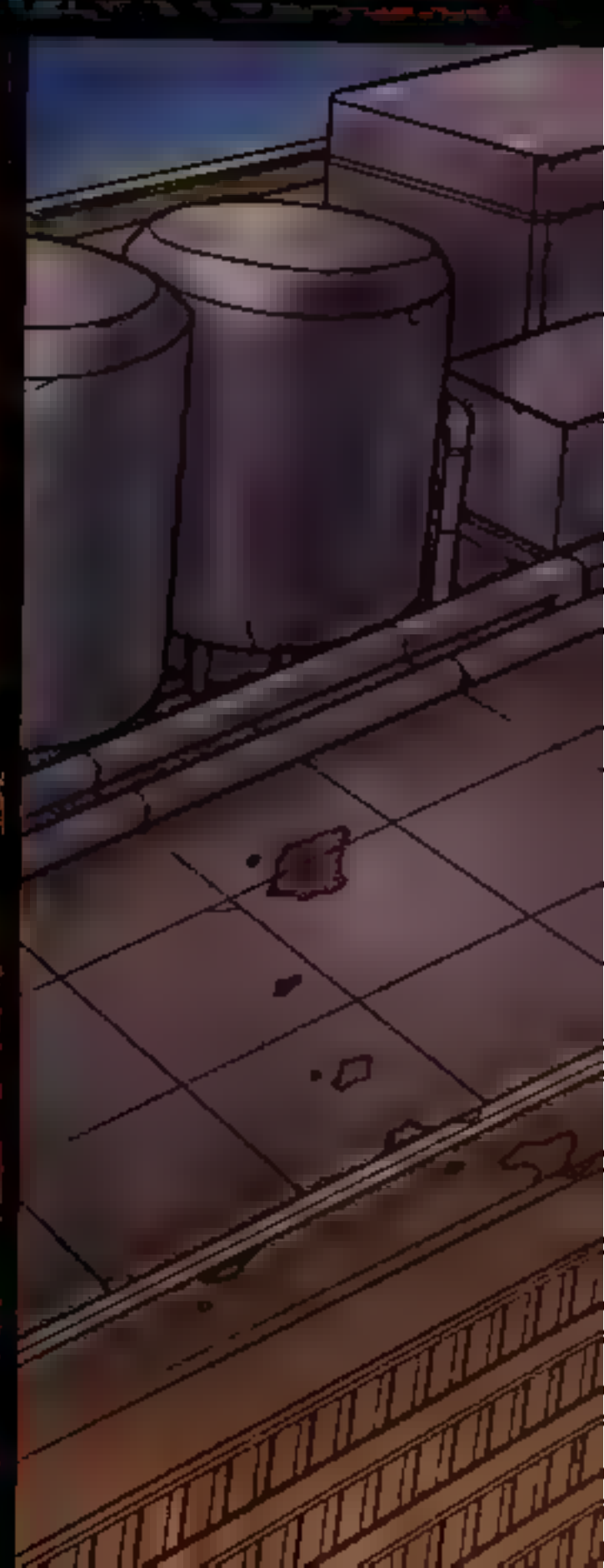
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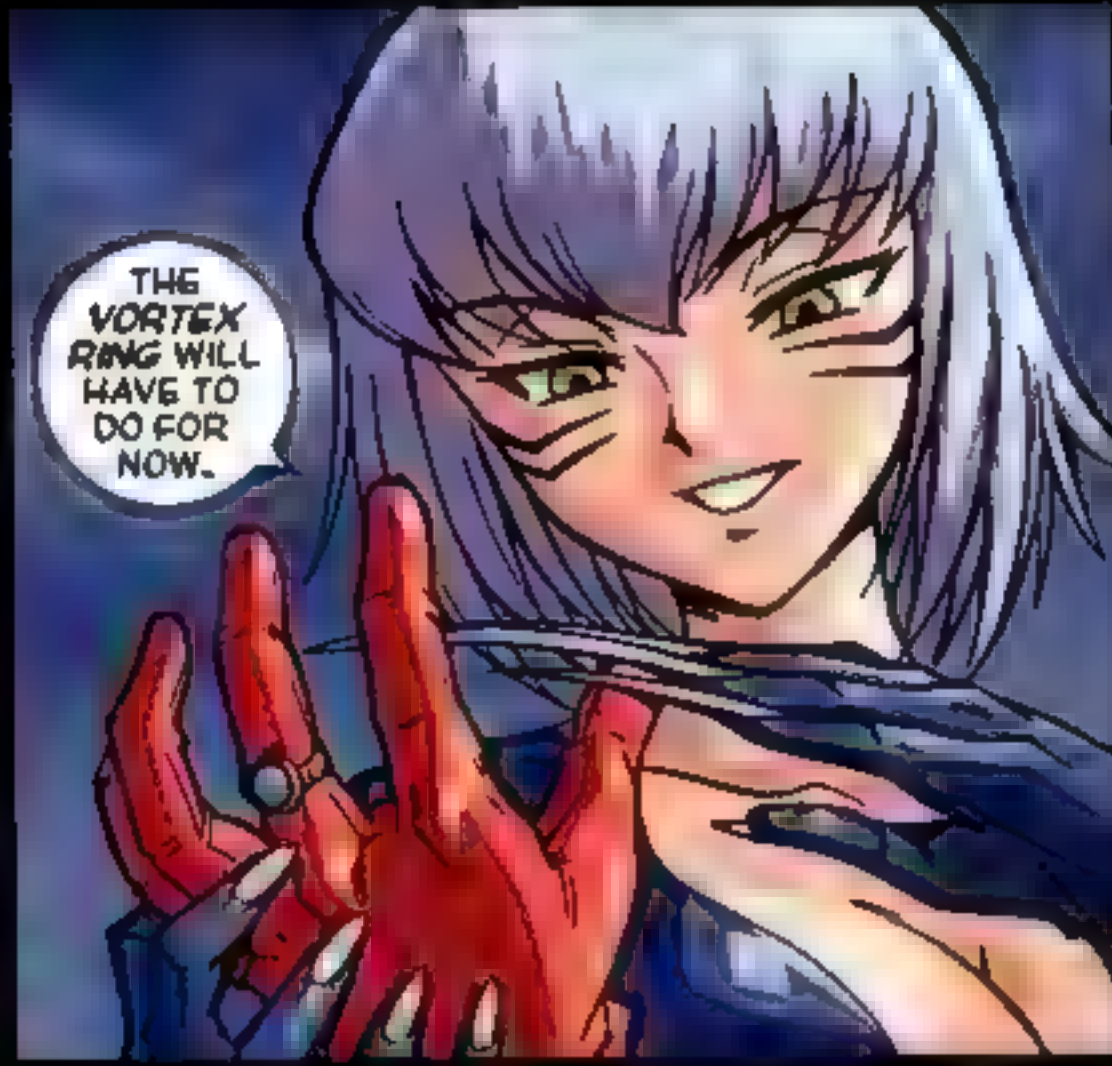
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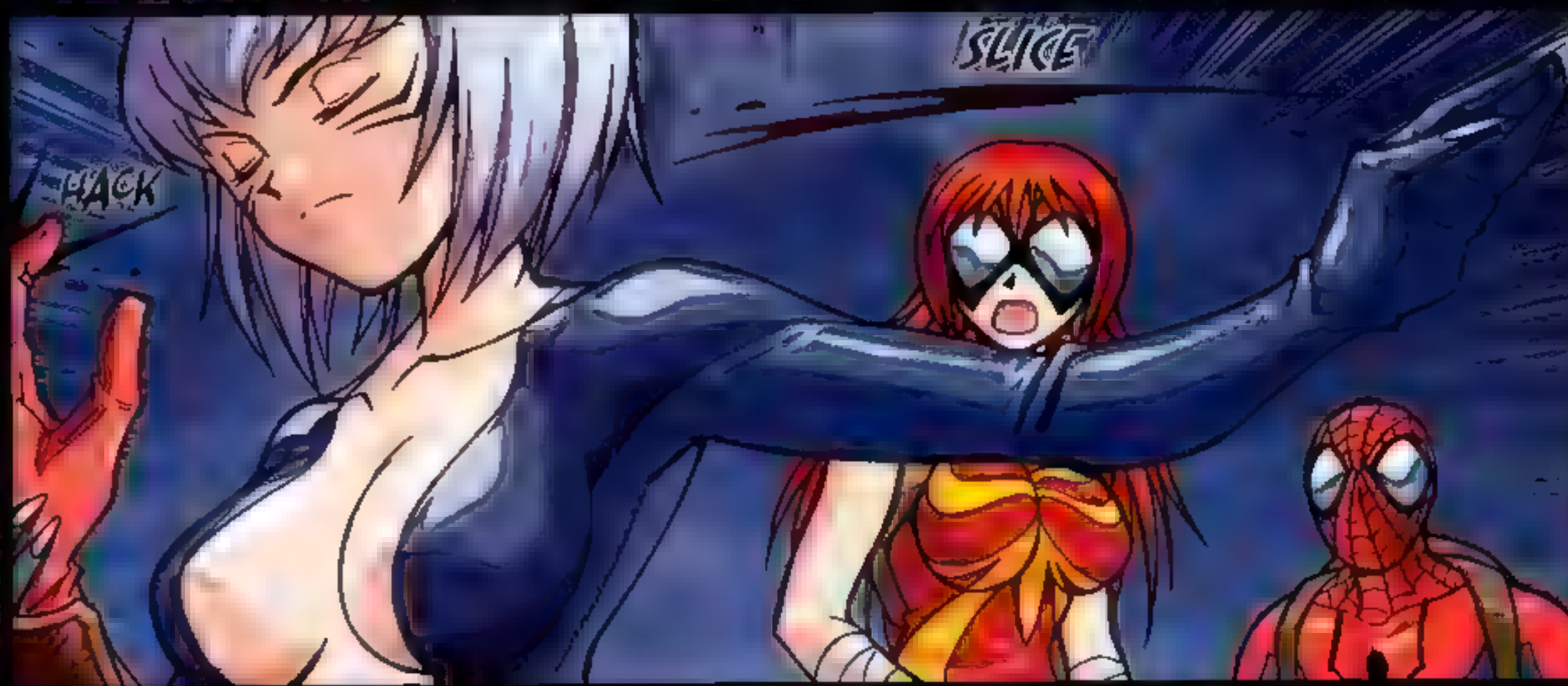




OH! HE'S NOT GONNA LIKE THAT WE LOST IT. WELL, AT LEAST WE GOT THIS ONE.



THE VORTEX RING WILL HAVE TO DO FOR NOW.



COULDN'T YOU HAVE JUST PULLED IT OFF HIS FINGER?

WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?

IMPACT BEAM? VORTEX RING?

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, FELICIA?



IT'S FINALLY HIT THE FAN, SPIDEROSO. THE CITY'S UNDER SIEGE.

LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE'S TRYING TO TAKE DOWN THE LAST OF THE HEROES, ONCE AND FOR ALL.

WHAT?! WHO?!

THAT'S A BIT OF A LONG STORY, AND I'M NOT THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE TELLING IT.

YOU WANT ANSWERS, YOU'RE JUST GONNA HAVE TO FOLLOW ME.

TO WHERE?



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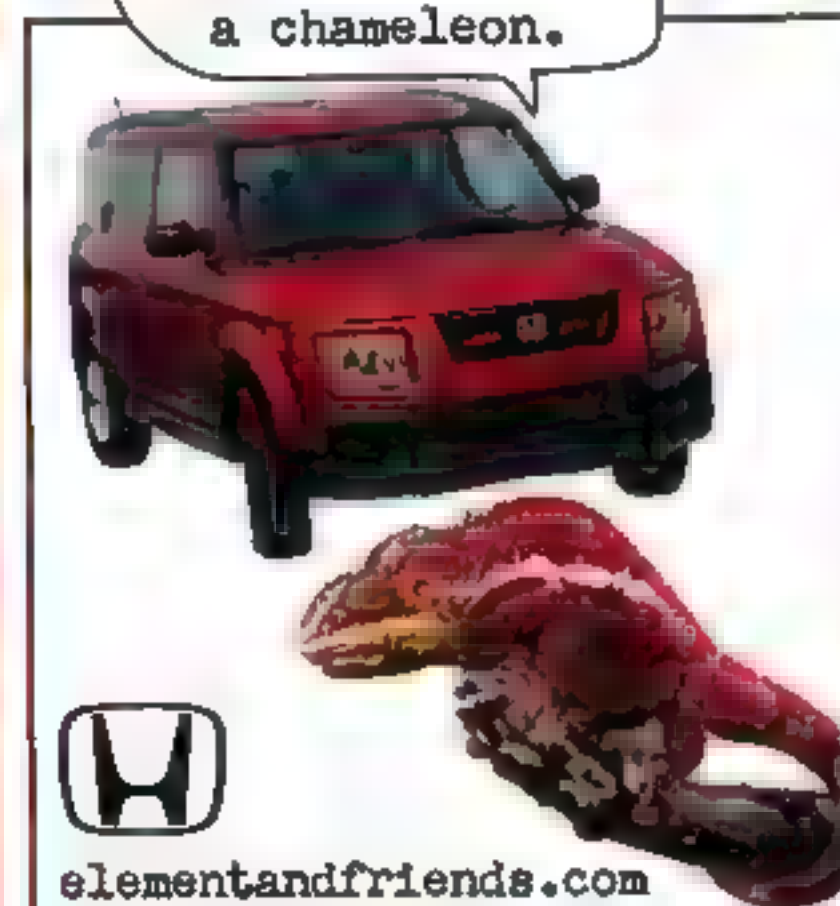
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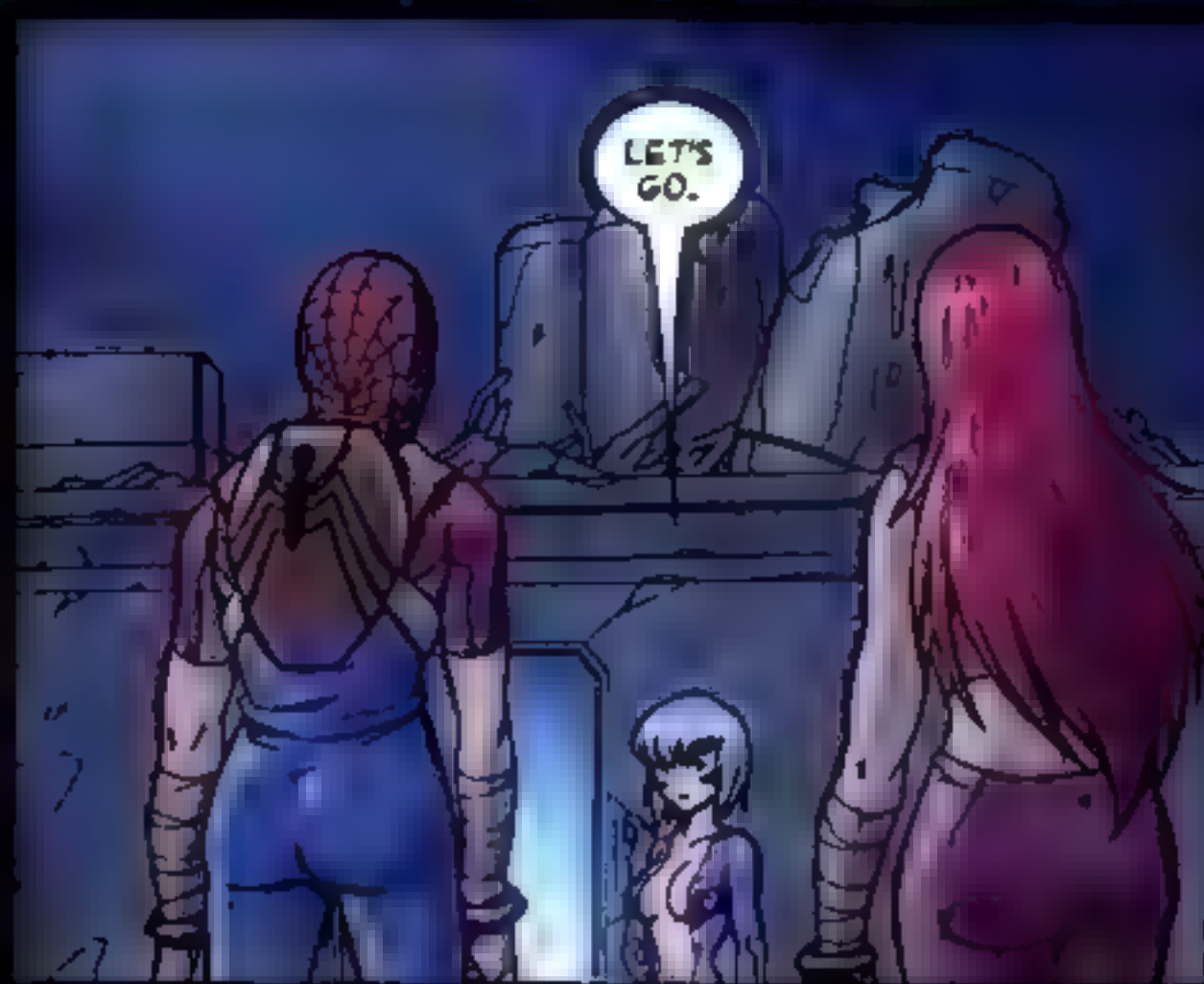
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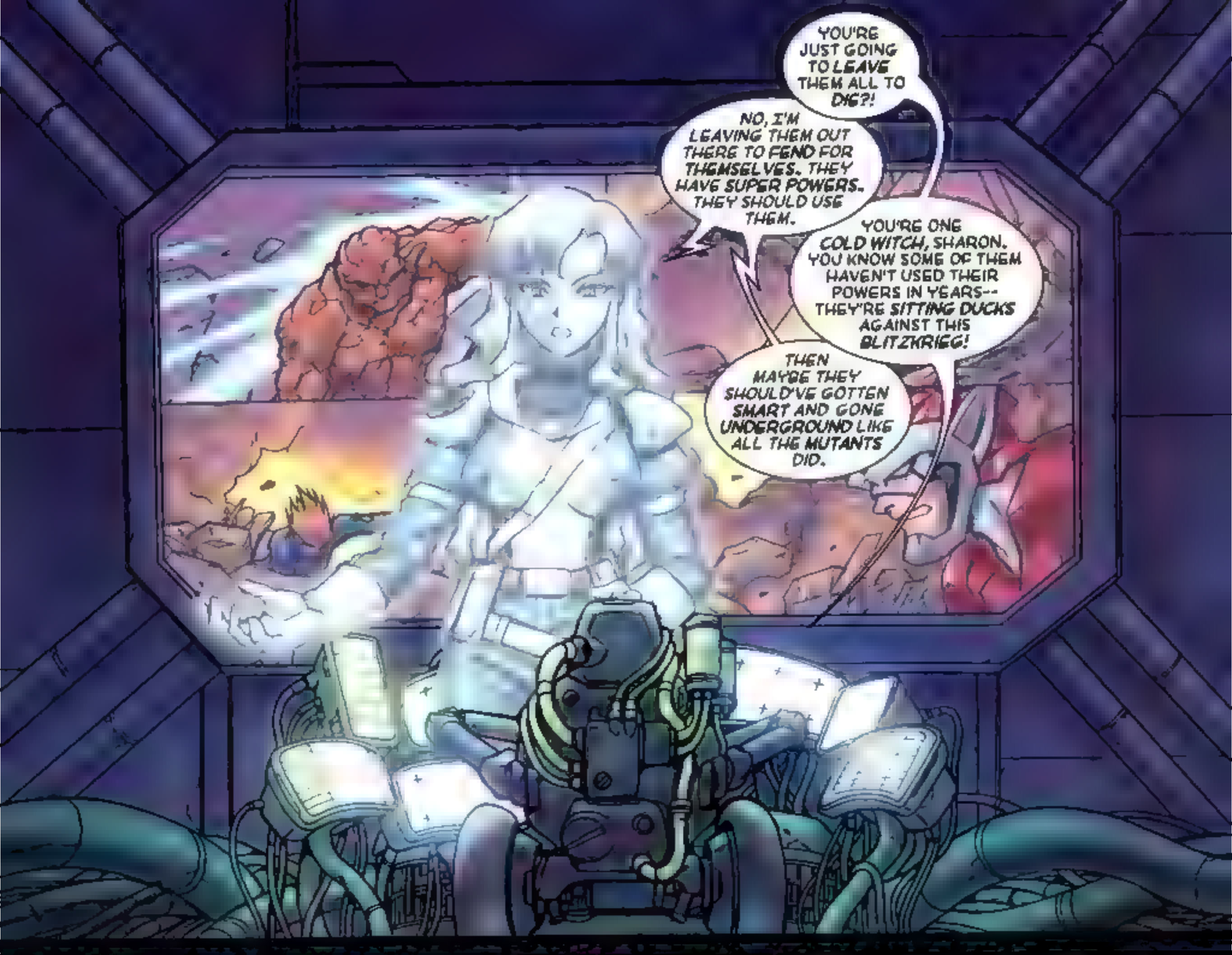


I get it. You're
a chameleon.



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YOU'RE JUST GOING TO LEAVE THEM ALL TO DIE?!

NO, I'M LEAVING THEM OUT THERE TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES. THEY HAVE SUPER POWERS. THEY SHOULD USE THEM.

YOU'RE ONE COLD WITCH, SHARON. YOU KNOW SOME OF THEM HAVEN'T USED THEIR POWERS IN YEARS-- THEY'RE SITTING DUCKS AGAINST THIS BLITZKRIEG!

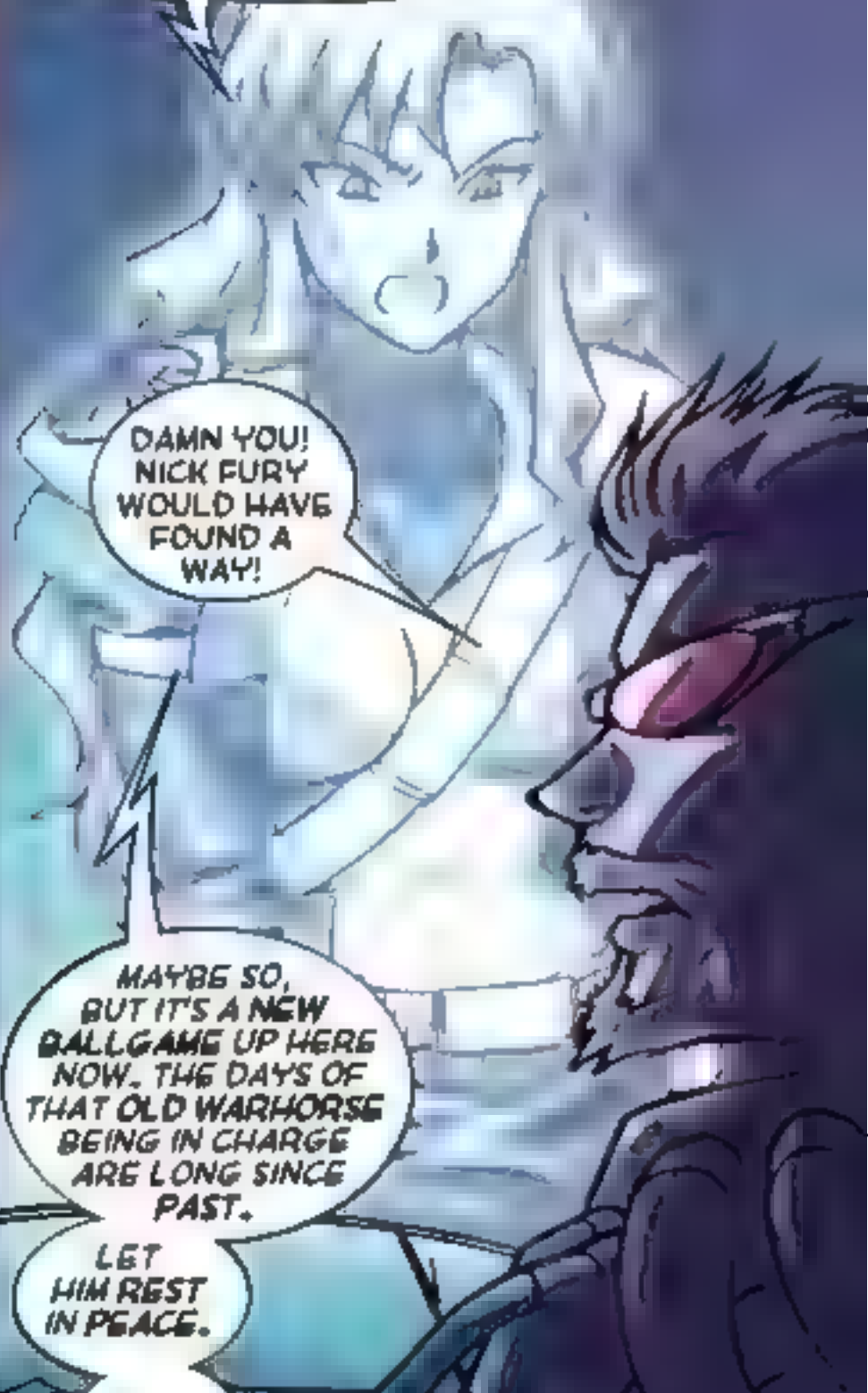
THEN MAYBE THEY SHOULD'VE GOTTEN SMART AND GONE UNDERGROUND LIKE ALL THE MUTANTS DID.



HAVE YOU SEEN HOW BAD IT'S GOTTEN OUT THERE?!



WE HAVE THE SAME SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS YOU DO! BUT OUR RESOURCES ARE STRETCHED THIN AS IS--I'M SORRY, BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO!



DAMN YOU! NICK FURY WOULD HAVE FOUND A WAY!

MAYBE SO, BUT IT'S A NEW BALLGAME UP HERE NOW. THE DAYS OF THAT OLD WARHORSE BEING IN CHARGE ARE LONG SINCE PAST.

LET HIM REST IN PEACE.

CARTER OUT.



WHAT THE HELL IS ALL THIS? I THOUGHT THIS PLACE HAD BEEN ABANDONED SINCE TONY STARK DIED?

YES, IT WAS SHUT DOWN WHEN MY SISTER WAS KILLED.

BUT THIS TONY STARK IS STILL ALIVE AND KICKING.



THERE'S A STATEMENT THAT LOOKS OPEN FOR DEBATE, IF YOU ASK ME.

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, STARK?

SEE FOR YOURSELF...



THEY'RE EVERYWHERE.

YES, AND NOT JUST IN NEW YORK. ATTACKS ARE TAKING PLACE ALL AROUND THE WORLD. SOMEONE'S TRYING TO WIPE YOU SUPER-HUMANS OUT.

WHY?

MY BEST GUESS IS THAT IT'S ALL PART OF SOME LARGER POWER PLAY. YOU TAKE OUT THE HEROES FIRST, WHO'LL BE LEFT TO STOP YOU?

BUT THEY'RE NINJA! NINJA LIKE US!! COULD IT BE VENOM AGAIN?

NO, I'M PRETTY SURE THAT VENOM REMAINS DECEASED...

HOW COULD YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?

THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS I KNOW ABOUT YOU.

PETER.



YOU TOLD HIM?! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU, FELICIA!

SHE DIDN'T TELL ME ANYTHING, PETER. I FOUND YOU ALL AT THE SAME TIME. YOU DREW A LOT OF ATTENTION TO YOURSELF BACK IN THE DAY.

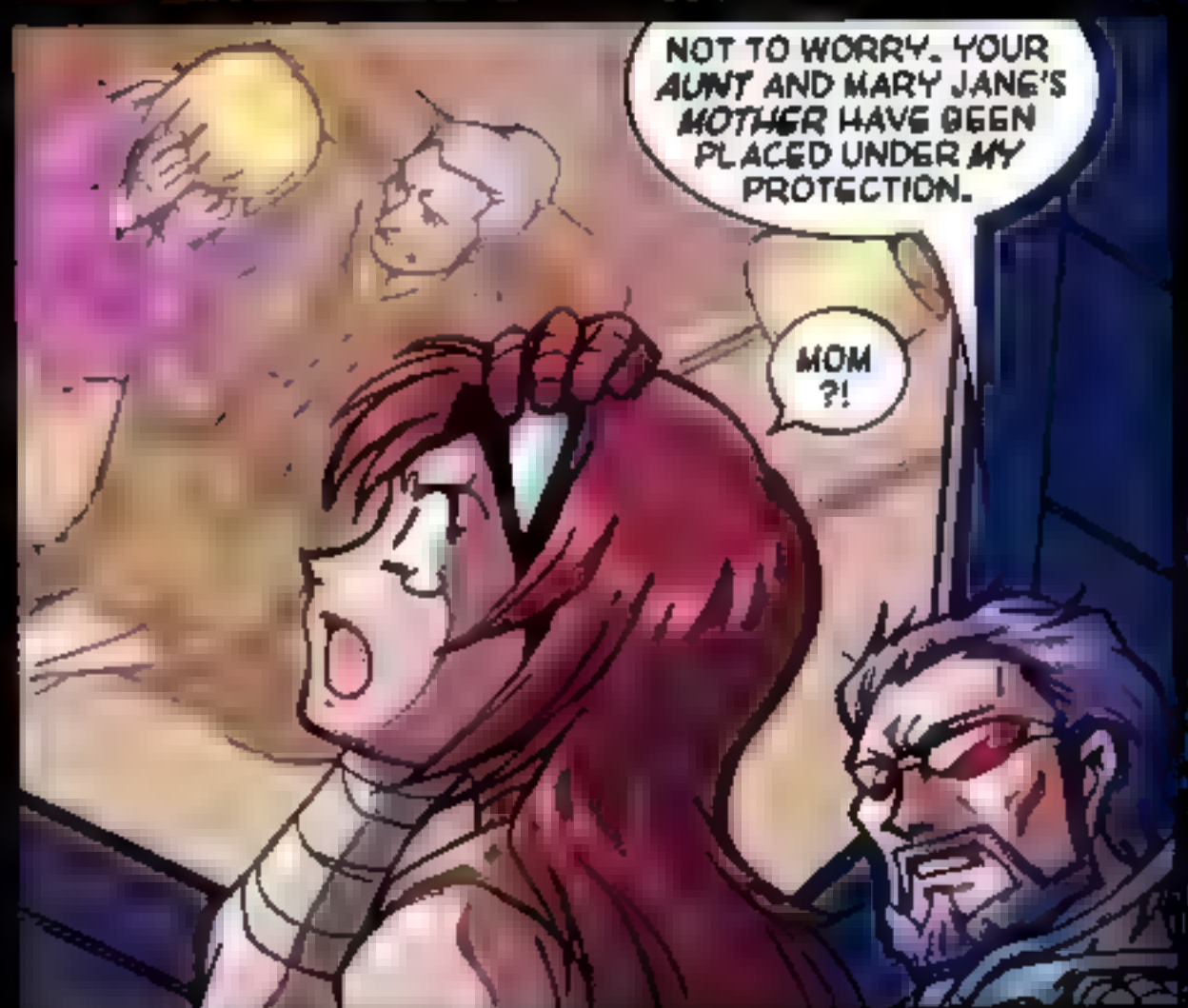
I JUST GOT TO FELICIA FIRST AS SHE WAS MORE OF A... FREE AGENT.

BUT IF YOU WERE ABLE TO PIECE IT ALL TOGETHER, THEN...

OTHERS MAY KNOW YOUR SECRET AS WELL? YES, THAT'S A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY.

BUT IF WE'RE UNDER ATTACK THEN...

AUNT MAY !!



NOT TO WORRY. YOUR AUNT AND MARY JANE'S MOTHER HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER MY PROTECTION.

MOM ?!



DON'T WORRY, MARY JANE. AUNT MAY WILL MAKE SURE YOUR MOM--

COOWWW!!

OH, JEEZ, I'M SORRY, MJ.

I TOTALLY FORGOT YOU GOT TAGGED. WE'VE GOTTA--



PLEASE, JOIN ME IN THE MED LAB AND WE CAN HAVE A LOOK AT YOUR WOUNDS.

THANKS, MR. STARK, IT'S REALLY COOL THAT YOU--



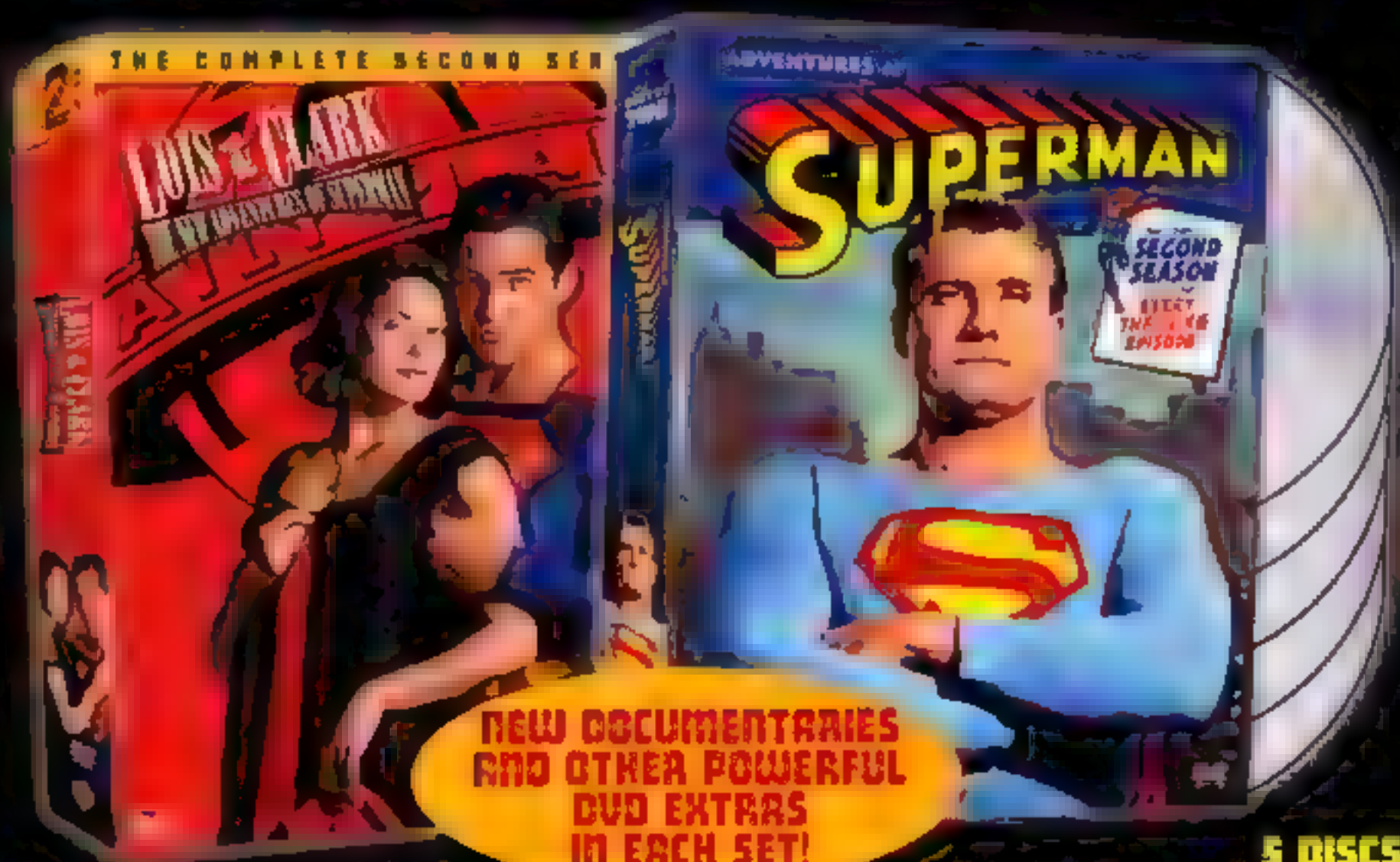
WHO'S THAT?!

WELL, I COULD TELL YOU, KID...



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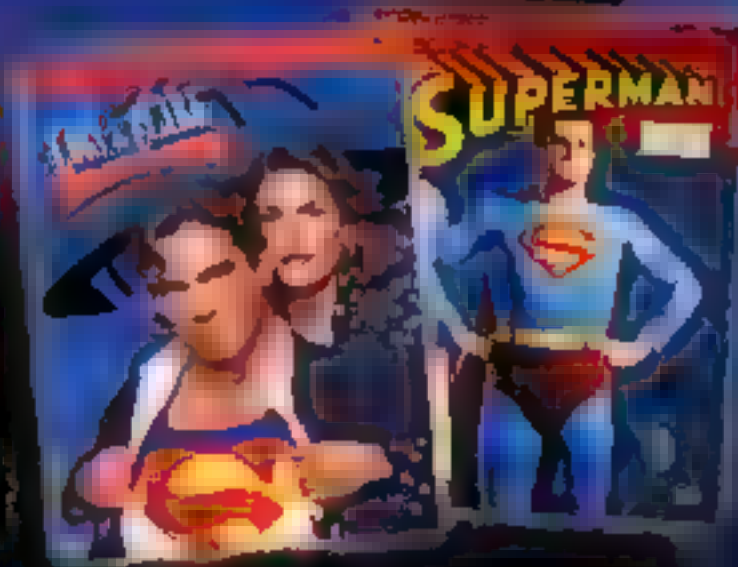


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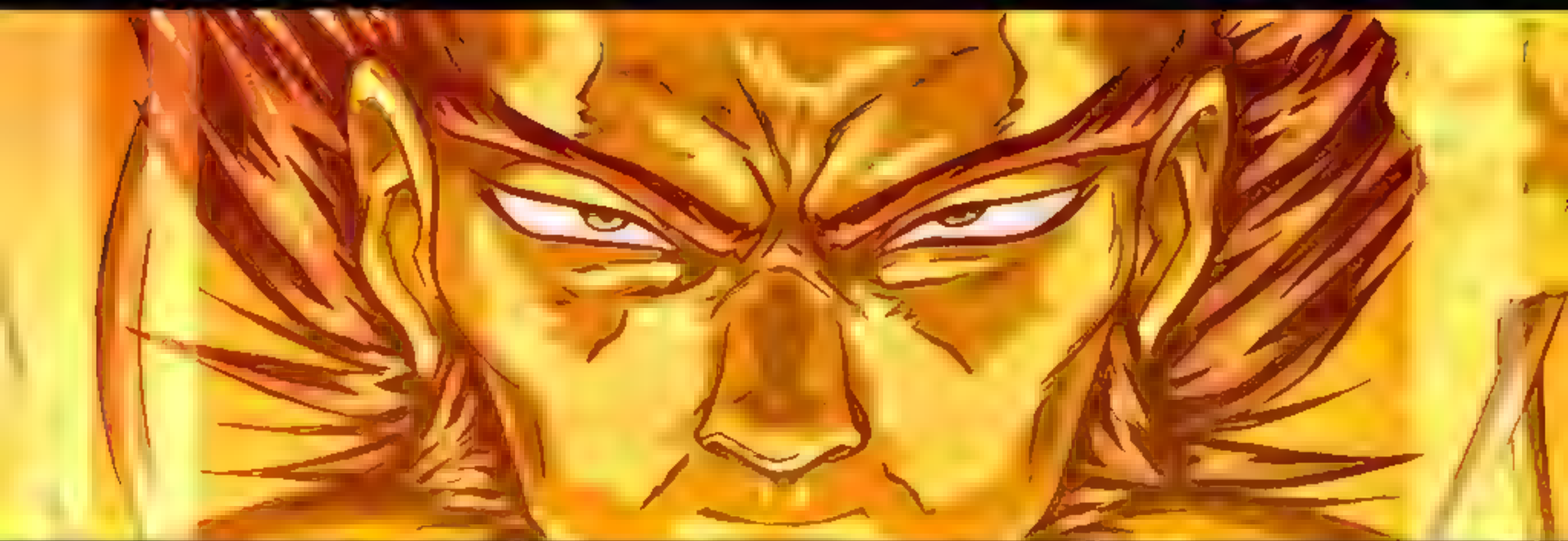
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She leads the Spiders to Tony Stark's high-tech island headquarters, where Stark—formerly Iron Man, now a severed-but-still-living head attached to a motorized wheelchair—introduces the trio the damaged and nearly dead Wolverine, whom Stark is trying to restore to life.

Elsewhere, the surviving members of the Fantastic Four and Daredevil prepare for the fight of their lives...



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Part Two: Trial by Fire







HOW DARE YOU TAKE THE
GUISE OF MY BELOVED
ELEKTRA?!

YOU THINK
REMINING ME
OF HER DEATH
WILL LOWER MY
GUARD?

NO--
WE KNEW
IT WOULD
TAKE MORE
TO RATTLE
YOU...



...MATTHEW.



HOW
COULD YOU
KNOW...?!

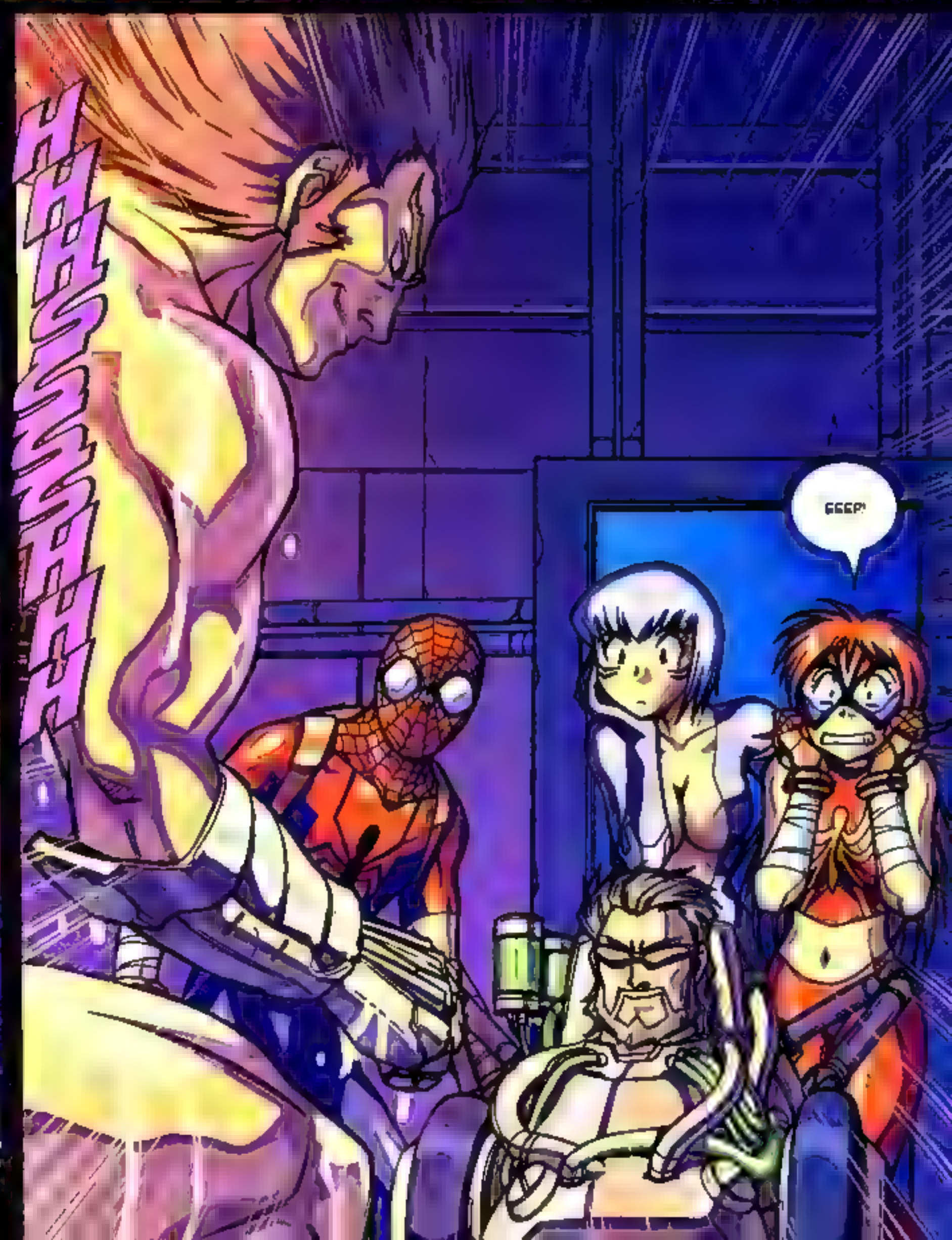
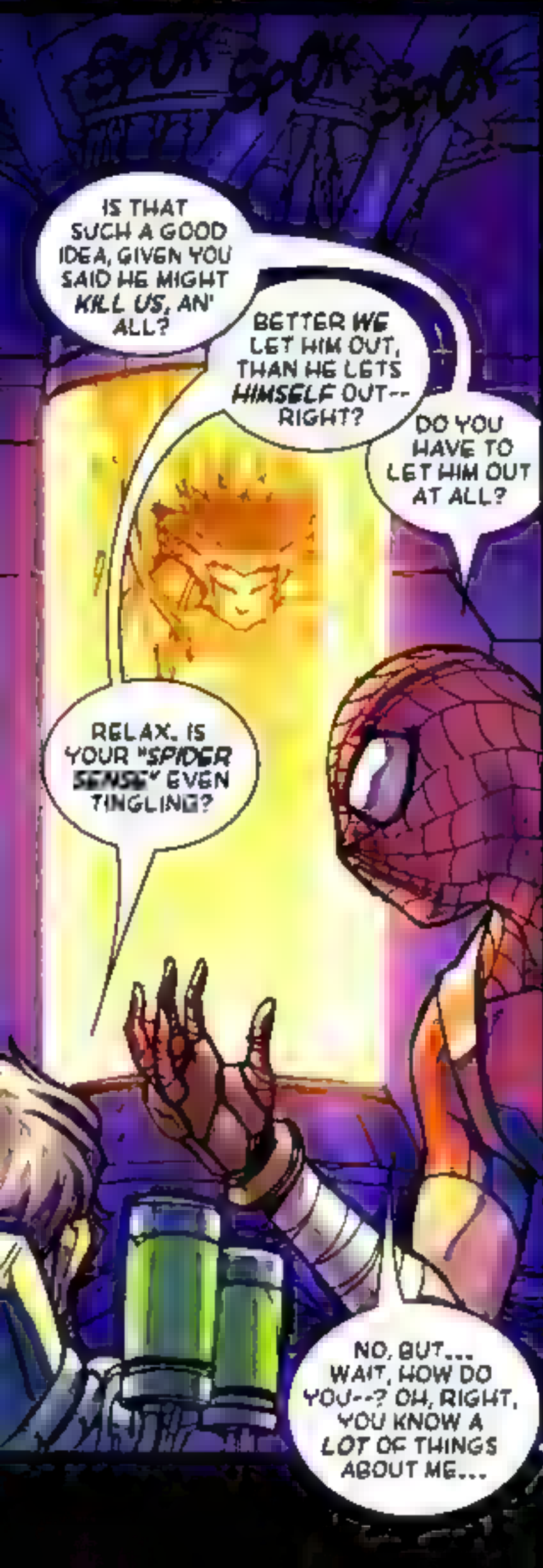
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IS IT REALLY
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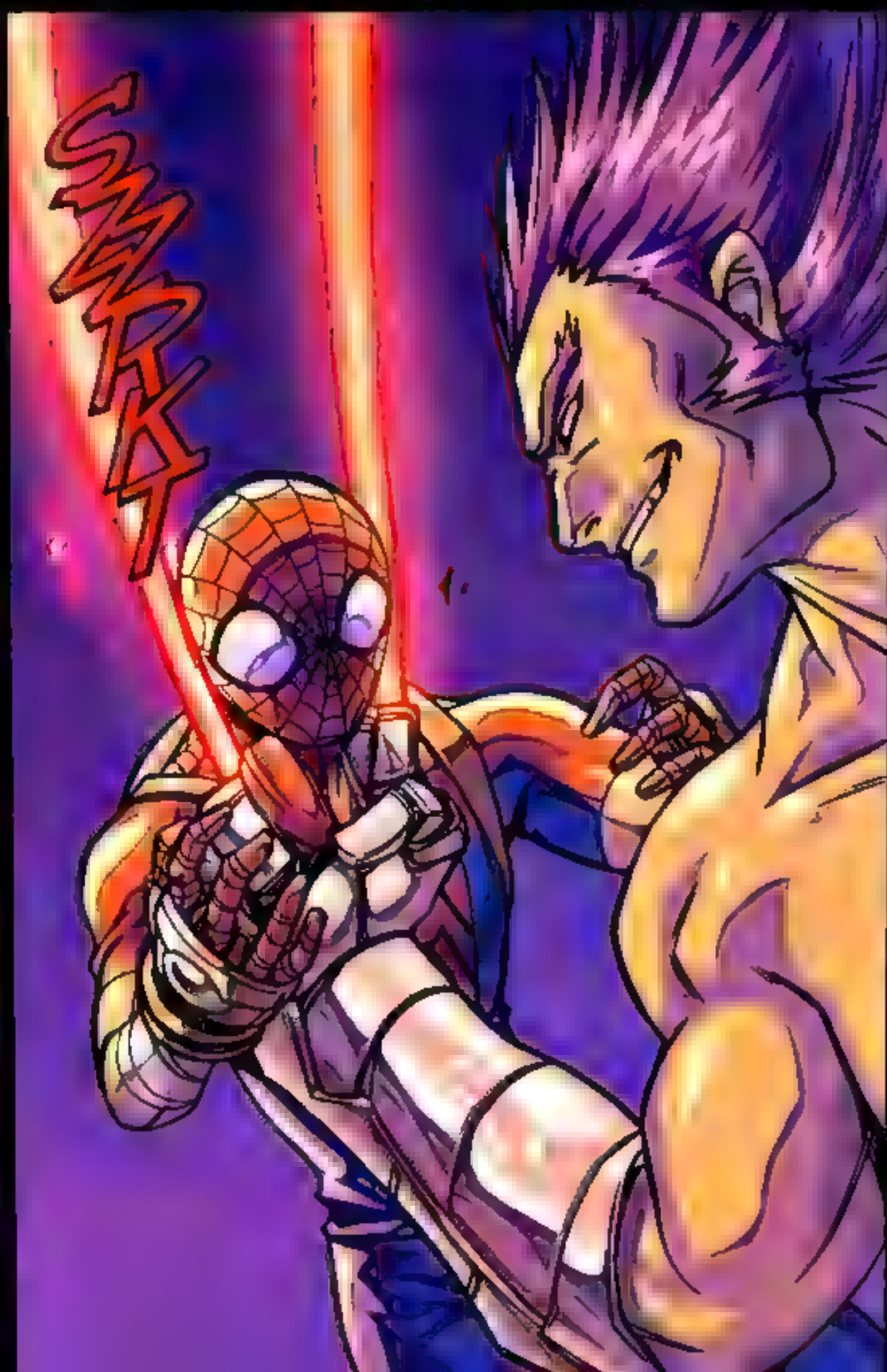
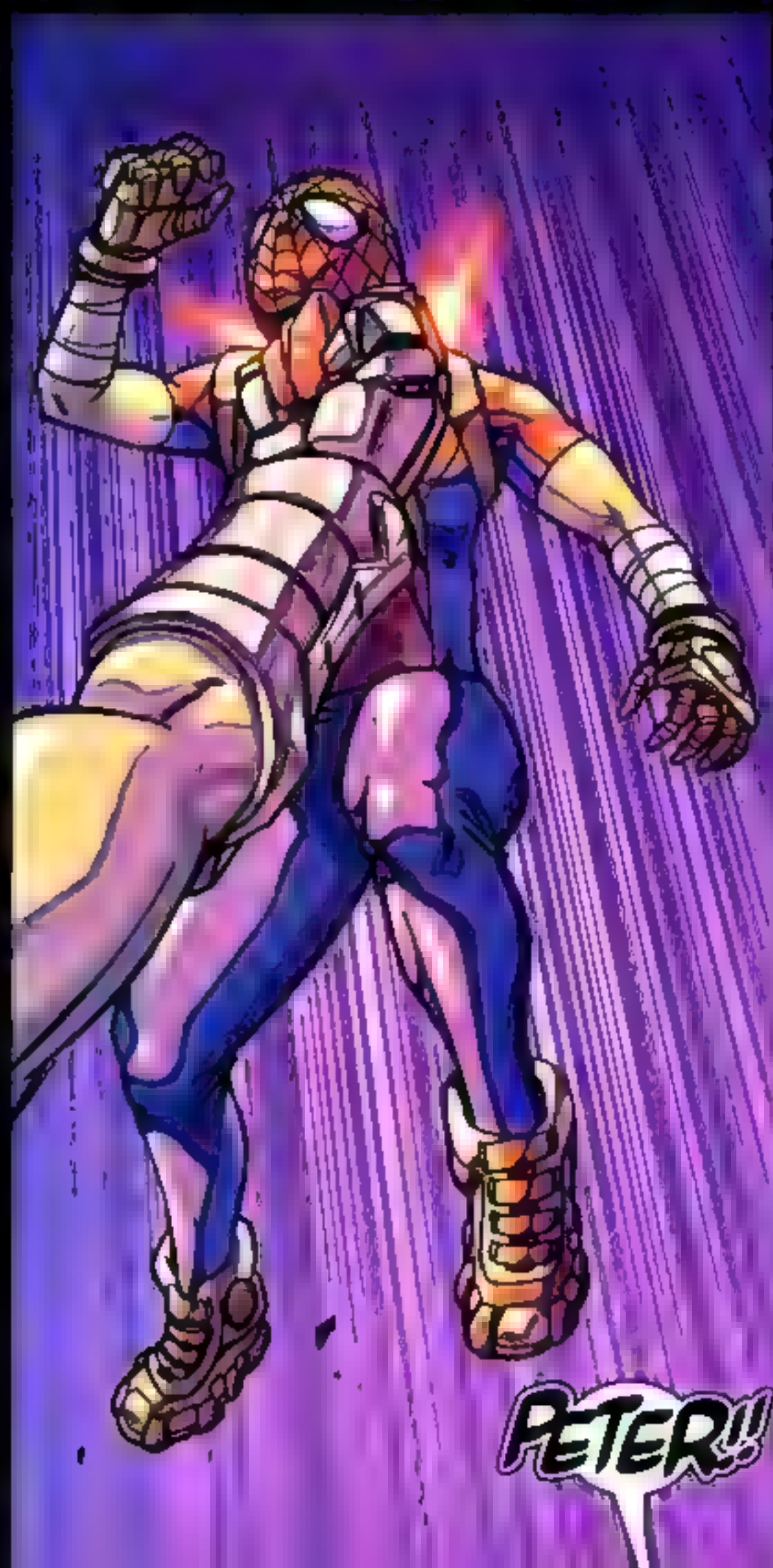
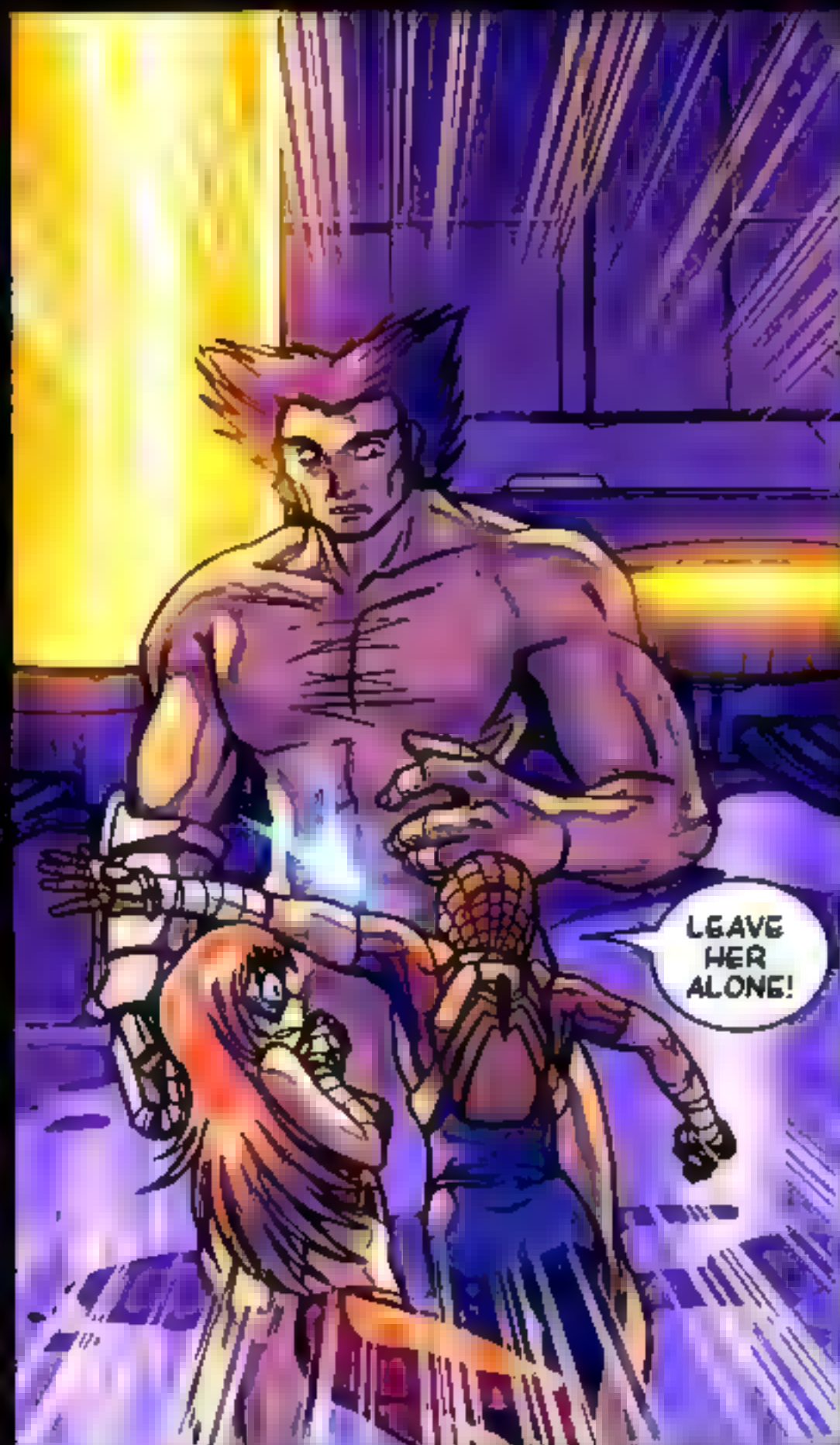
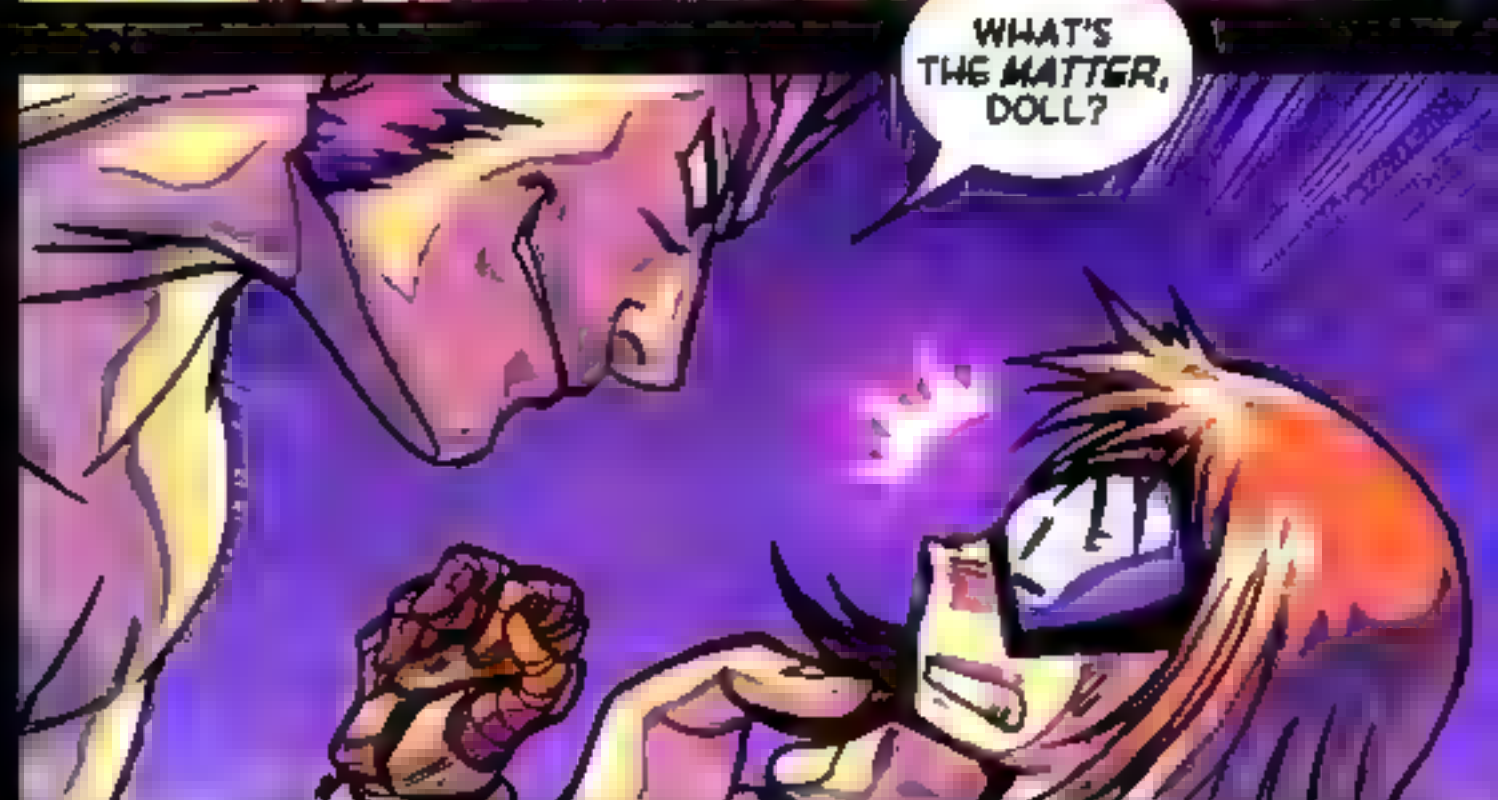
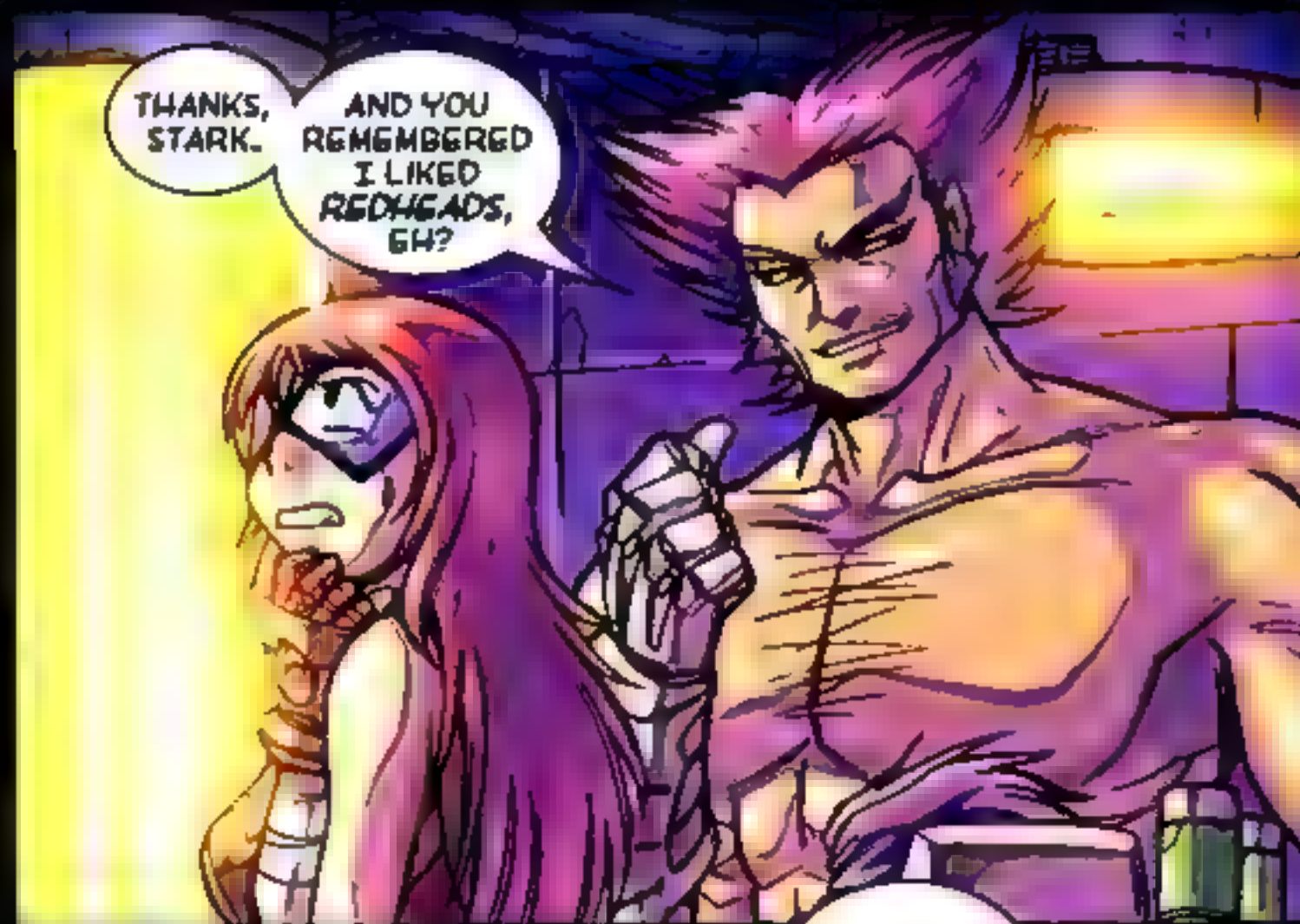


YES,
MATTHEW.

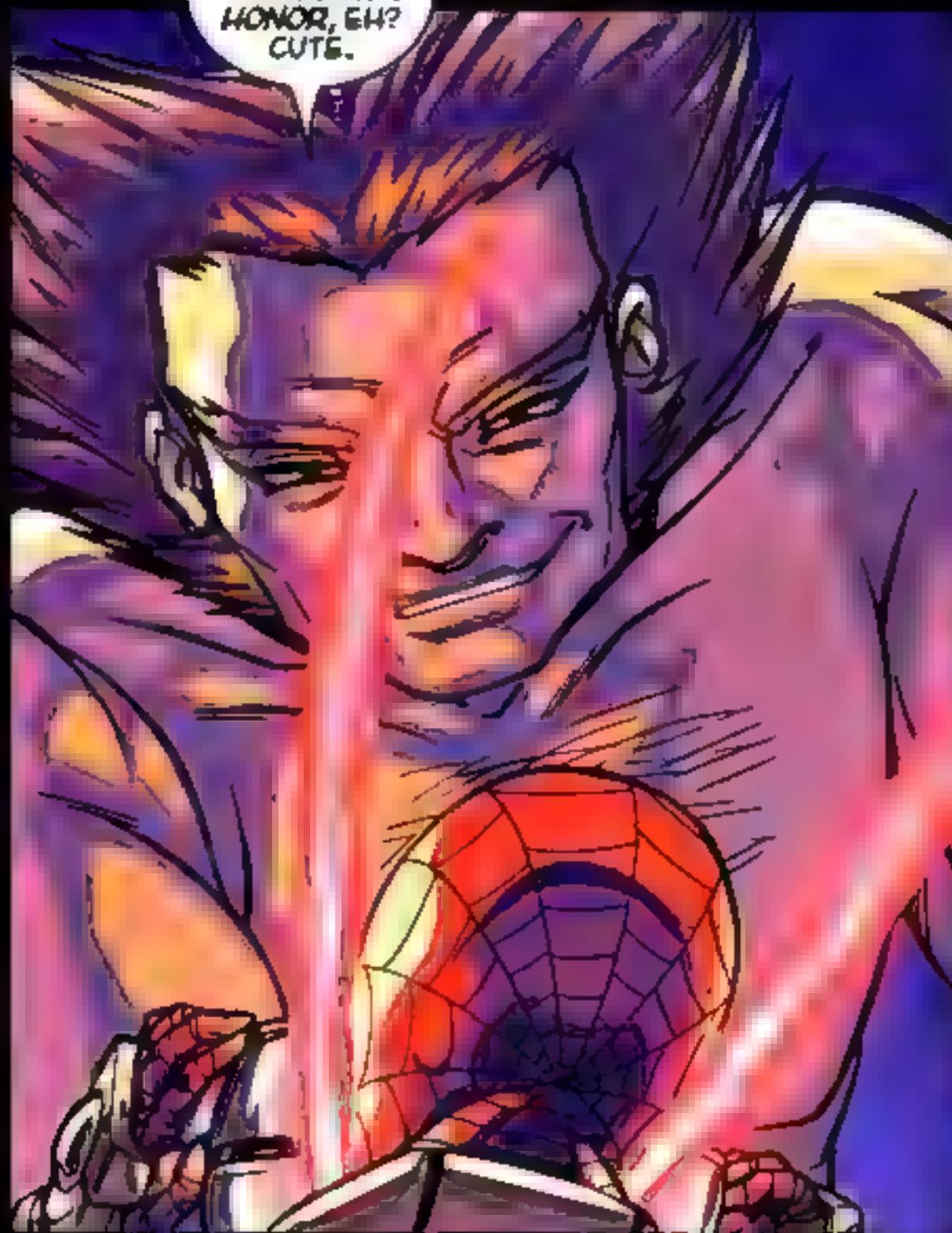
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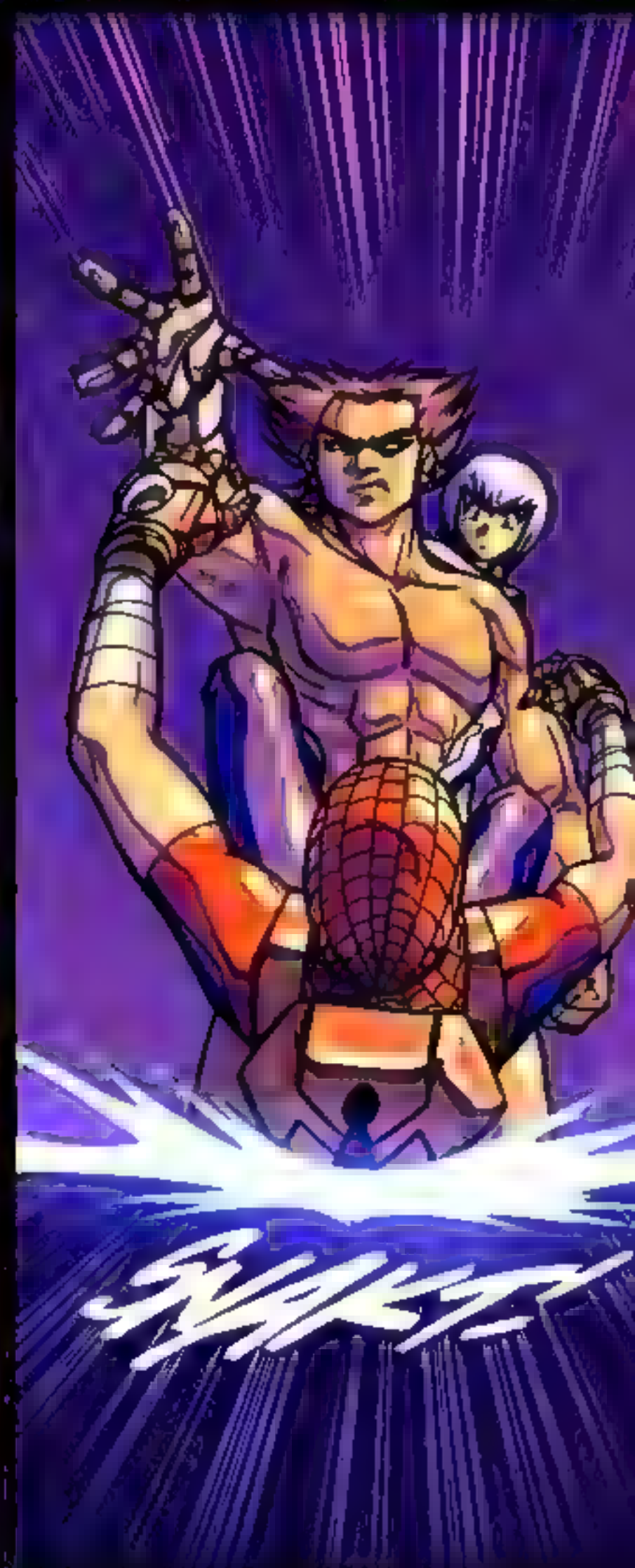
PROTECTING
YOUR GIRL'S
HONOR, EH?
CUTE.



MAYBE
YOU SHOULD
HAVE PUT A
LITTLE MORE
THOUGHT INTO
PROTECTING
YOURS?



DROP HIM
OR I DROP
THEM.





YOUR TURN TO PUT THE CLAWS AWAY.

MY PLEASURE.



THEY WOULD HAVE GROWN BACK, PUSSYCAT.

IT'S BLACK CAT, ACTUALLY.



MAYBE THIS'LL MAKE IT SO YOU DON'T FORGET.



YOUR MUTANT POWER IS LIQUID BAND-AID?

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A SUCKER FOR A GIRL WITH A NICE SET OF...

...CLAWS.



CLAWS?! THAT'S IT!

AND THE X! WHY DIDN'T I SEE IT EARLIER?!

I GUESS WE SHOULD FOLLOW THE TALKING WHEELCHAIR?

WILL YOU PLEASE PUT SOME PANTS ON?!



HOW LONG WAS I OUT?

TWO DAYS. WHATEVER IT WAS THEY HIT YOUR SYSTEM WITH PRETTY MUCH WIPE OUT YOUR HEALING FACTOR.

DID A LOT WORSE TO OTHER MUTANTS.

WHOEVER'S ATTACKING THE HEROES CAME AFTER YOU, TOO?! BUT HOW'D THEY FIND YOU? I THOUGHT ALL THE MUTANTS HAD GONE UNDERGROUND!

WE HAD. WE'D SCATTERED AFTER EVERYTHING THAT WENT DOWN WITH THE HELLFIRE CLUB AND THE SENTINELS A FEW YEARS BACK.

BUT THEY DIDN'T NEED TO FIND US. THEY SENT SOME KIND OF VIRUS TO DO THEIR DIRTY WORK FOR 'EM. ATTACKED US ON A GENETIC LEVEL.

AND I WANT TO KNOW WHY. ANY LUCK FINDING OUT JUST WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON, STARK?

UNFORTUNATELY, YES. I THINK I JUST FIGURED IT OUT...

MUSIC TO MY EARS.

YOU MIGHT CHANGE YOUR TUNE AFTER YOU HEAR WHAT I'VE GOT TO SHOW YOU.

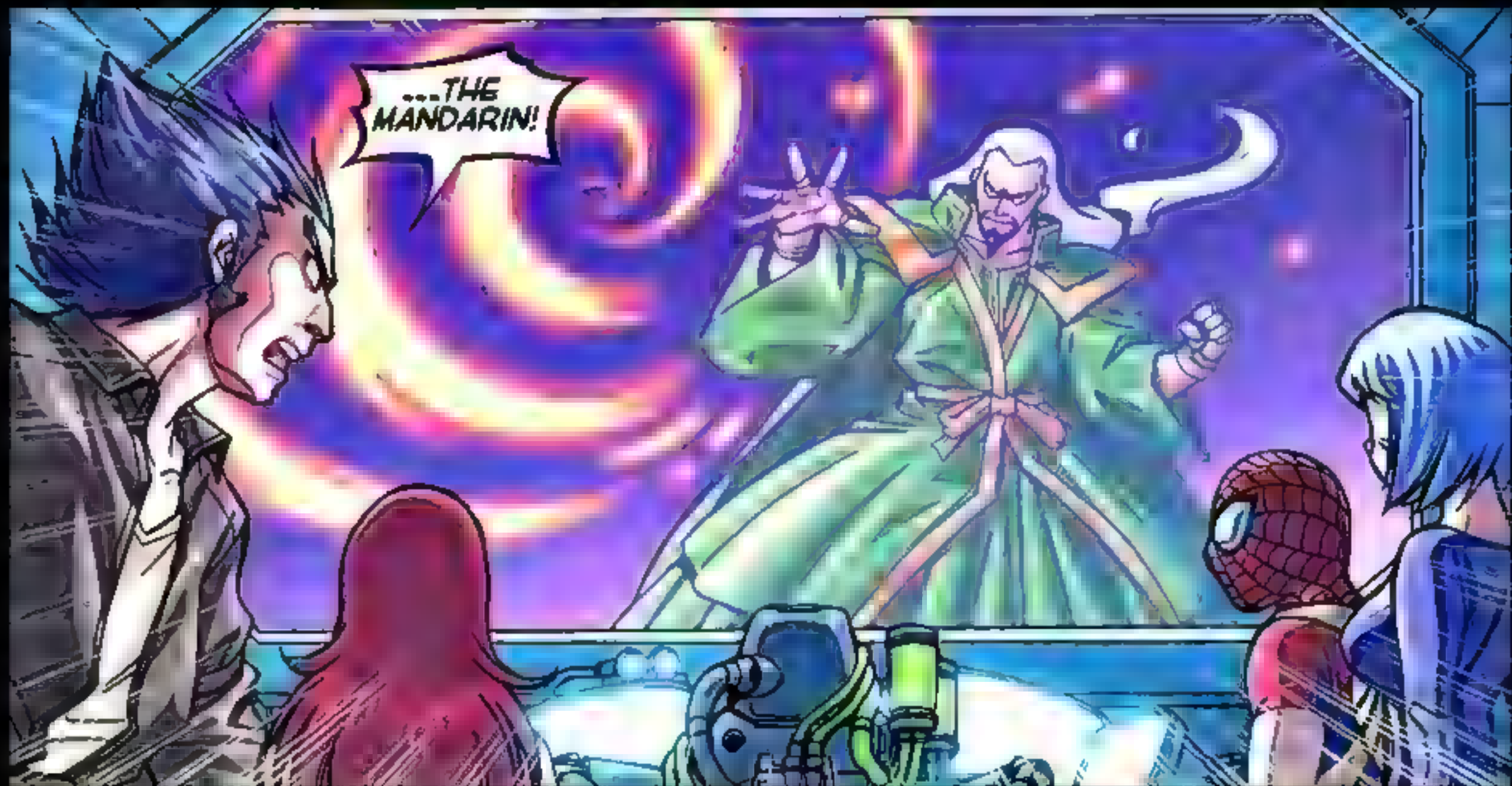


A RING?! OOOHH, YOU'VE GOT ME SHAKING IN MY BOOTS HERE, TONY.

NOT JUST ANY RING, LOGAN. IT'S THE IMPACT BEAM RING.

YOU MEAN...?

YES, ONE OF THE TEN RINGS THAT BELONG TO...



...THE MANDARIN!



WHO?

THE MANDARIN?

HE NAMED HIMSELF AFTER AN ORANGE?



OWWW.

SMACK

SMACK



THE MANDARIN WAS ONE OF MY OLD VILLAINS. OR SHOULD I SAY IRON MAN'S-- BOTH MY SISTER AND I FOUGHT HIM OVER THE YEARS.

HE WAS A POWERFUL MADMAN BENT ON WORLD DOMINATION. HE ALMOST SUCCEEDED A FEW TIMES, TOO--THANKS TO THE TEN MAGIC RINGS HE WIELDS, EACH POSSESSING AN INCREDIBLE POWER... BE IT HEAT OR LIGHT OR ICE.

SOUNDS LIKE HE'S BACK ON A TEAR. SO WHY'S ONE OF YOUR OLD BADDIES AFTER US ALL?

ACTUALLY, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT HE'S BEHIND ALL THIS. YOU SEE, MY LATEST INTELLIGENCE REVEALS THAT THE MANDARIN HAS BEEN RENDERED QUITE...



...HARMLESS.

AND HANDLESS.



THOSE
CLAW
MARKS...



WASN'T
ME.

WASN'T
ME.



DON'T WORRY. I'M SURE
BOTH YOUR ALIBIS WILL
CHECK OUT JUST
FINE.

I WAS AT A
LOSS TRYING TO
FIGURE OUT WHO
WOULD DO SOMETHING
LIKE THIS UNTIL YOU
JUST MADE MENTION
OF YOUR TASTE IN
WOMEN, LOGAN.

I THINK IT'S
SAFE TO SAY HIS
HANDS WERE REMOVED
AGAINST HIS WILL BY
SOMEONE WITH SIMILAR
"ATTRIBUTES" TO YOURS.

AND GIVEN
THE X THAT'S BEEN
CARVED INTO HIS CHEST,
THE SIGNS NOW ALL POINT
TO YOUR OLD FLAME...



DEATHSTRIKE!!



SORRY. STILL ITCHES A LITTLE WHENEVER HER NAME GETS BROUGHT UP.

IS SHE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT?

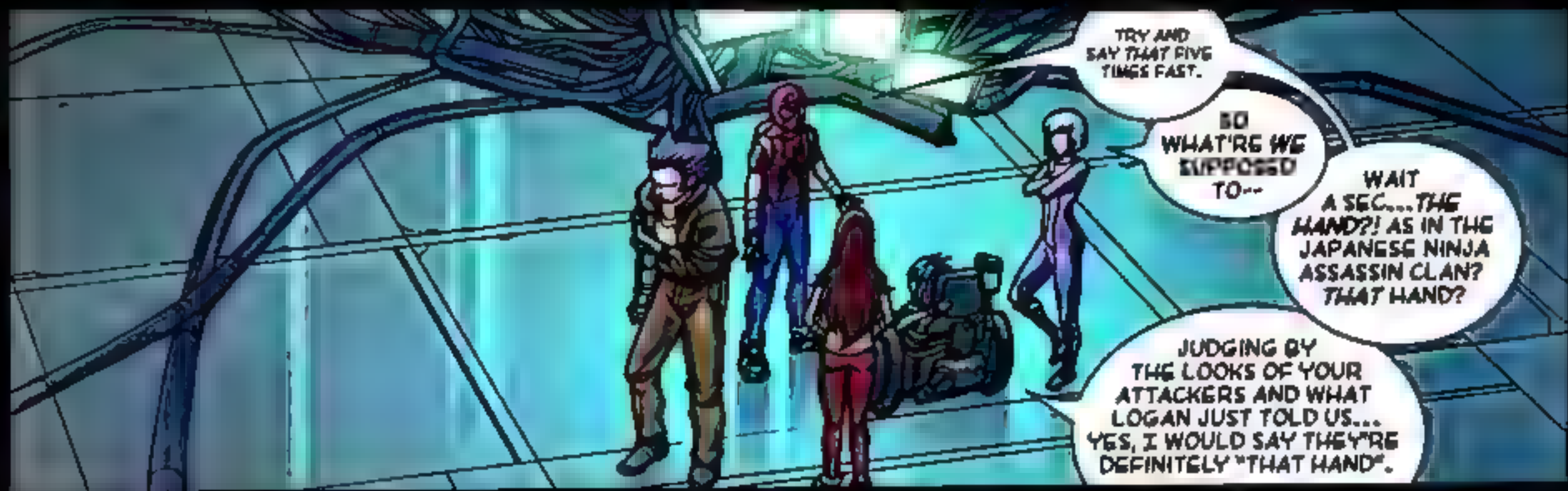
PARTLY.

ME AND MISS YURIKO OYAMA UP THERE HAVE A HISTORY, PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL. LET'S JUST SAY SHE DIDN'T REACT WELL TO OUR SPLITTING UP.

AND THE X... FOR WEAPON X, THE OLD OUTFIT YOU BOTH SERVED IN. COULD THEY BE BEHIND THIS?

NAH, THE X MIGHT STILL BE HER SIGNATURE, BUT LAST I'D HEARD, YURIKO'D GONE BACK TO HER ROOTS AND HOOKED UP WITH THE HAND!

SO THE MANDARIN'S HANDS HAVE FALLEN INTO THE HAND'S HANDS?



TRY AND SAY THAT FIVE TIMES FAST.

SO WHAT'RE WE SUPPOSED TO--

WAIT A SEC... THE HAND?! AS IN THE JAPANESE NINJA ASSASSIN CLAN? THAT HAND?

JUDGING BY THE LOOKS OF YOUR ATTACKERS AND WHAT LOGAN JUST TOLD US... YES, I WOULD SAY THEY'RE DEFINITELY "THAT HAND".



SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT.

YOUR VILLAIN...

...CUT OFF YOUR VILLAIN'S HANDS...

...AND TEAMED UP WITH MY VILLAINS?!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE HAPPENED.

THE HAND ARE YOUR VILLAINS?



SPIDER-CLAN? NINJA.

NINJA CLANS FIGHT. IT'S WHAT WE DO.

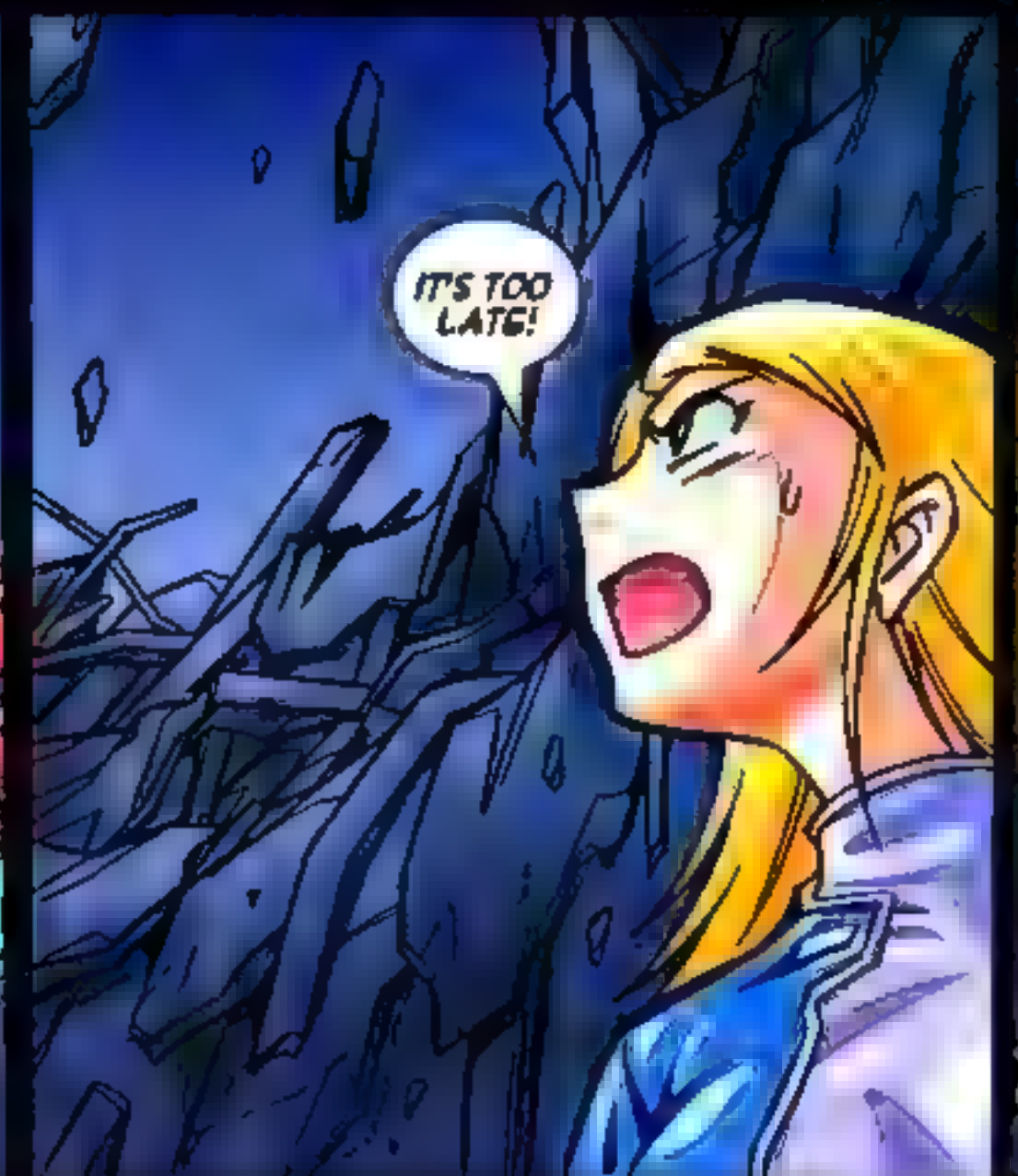
THE HAND? NINJA.

AND WHEN WERE YOU GOING TO MENTION THEM TO ME?

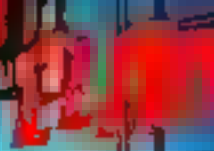
MJ, NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO--

RRROOUMBBBBBBBBBBBBBB

RRUUMMBLEE RRUUMMBLEE



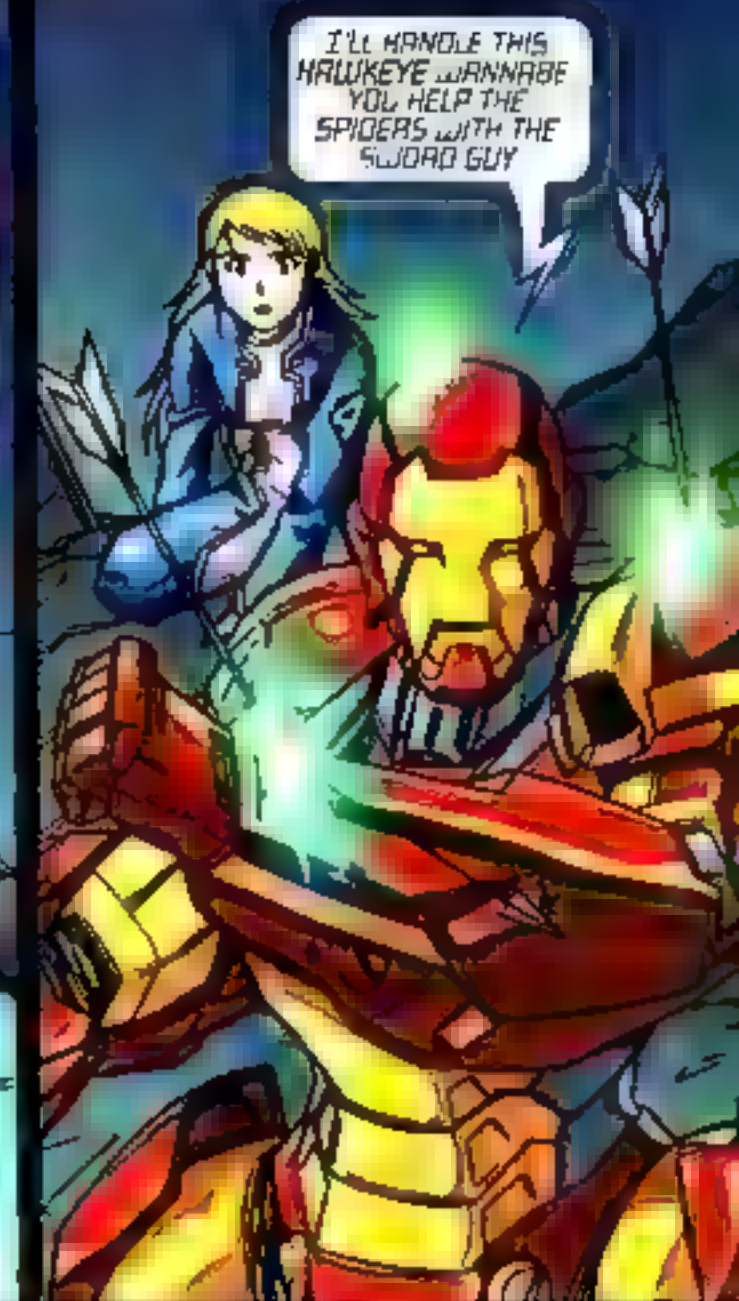




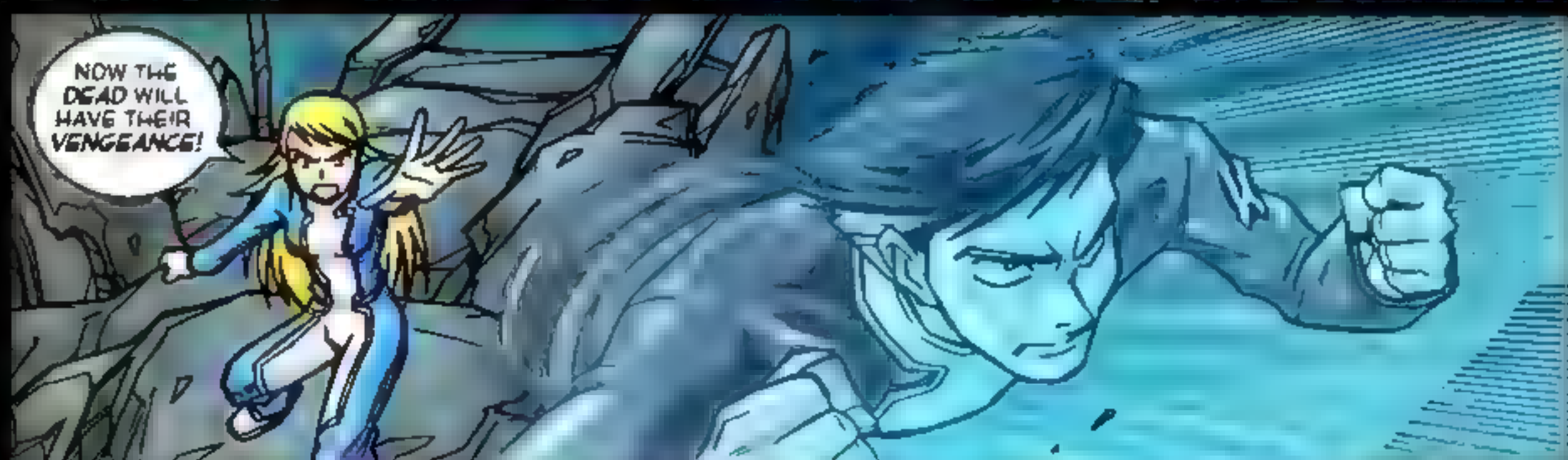
—AND I'M THE ONE
THAT'S GOING TO
MAKE IT NASTY!



WRRRAAMMM

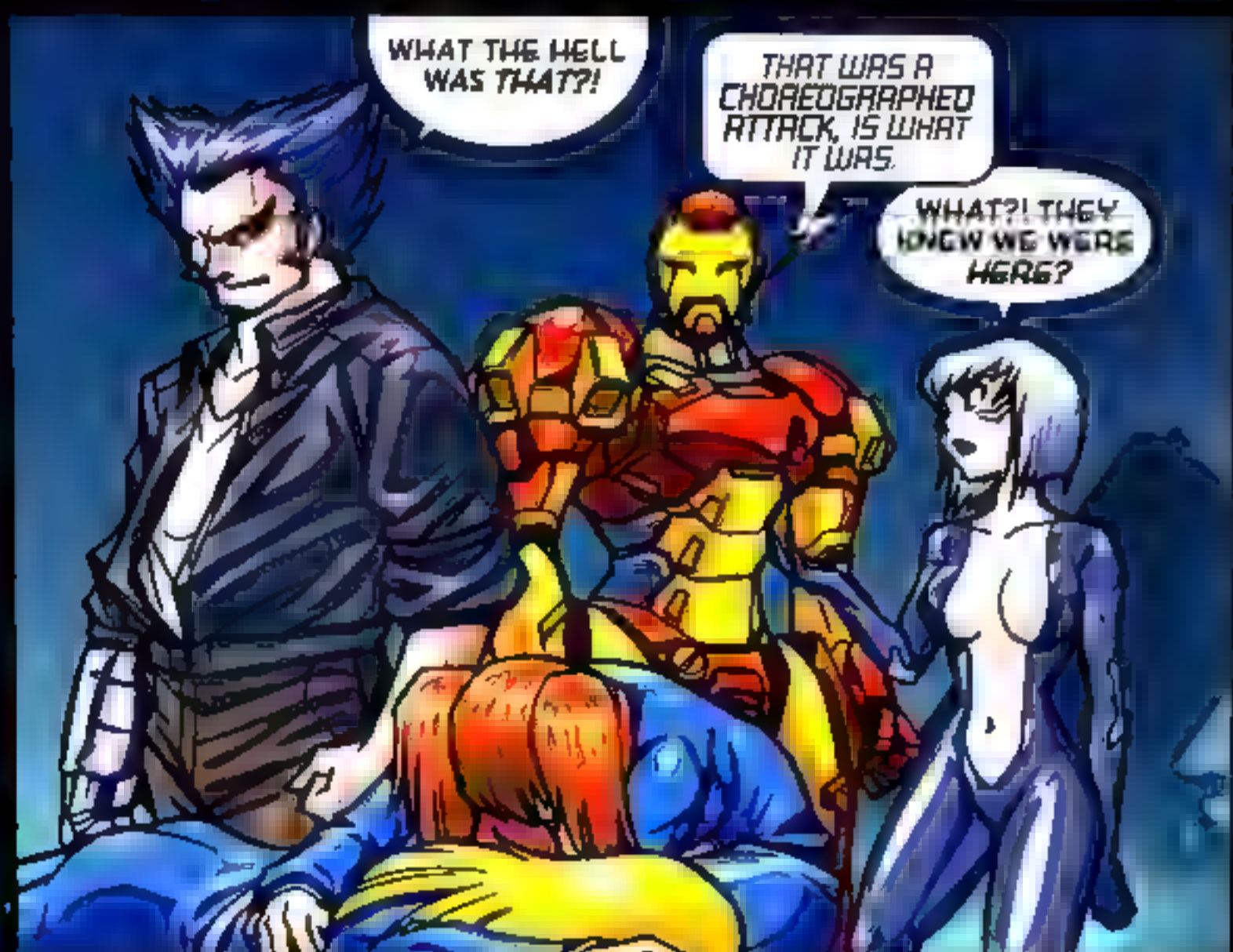
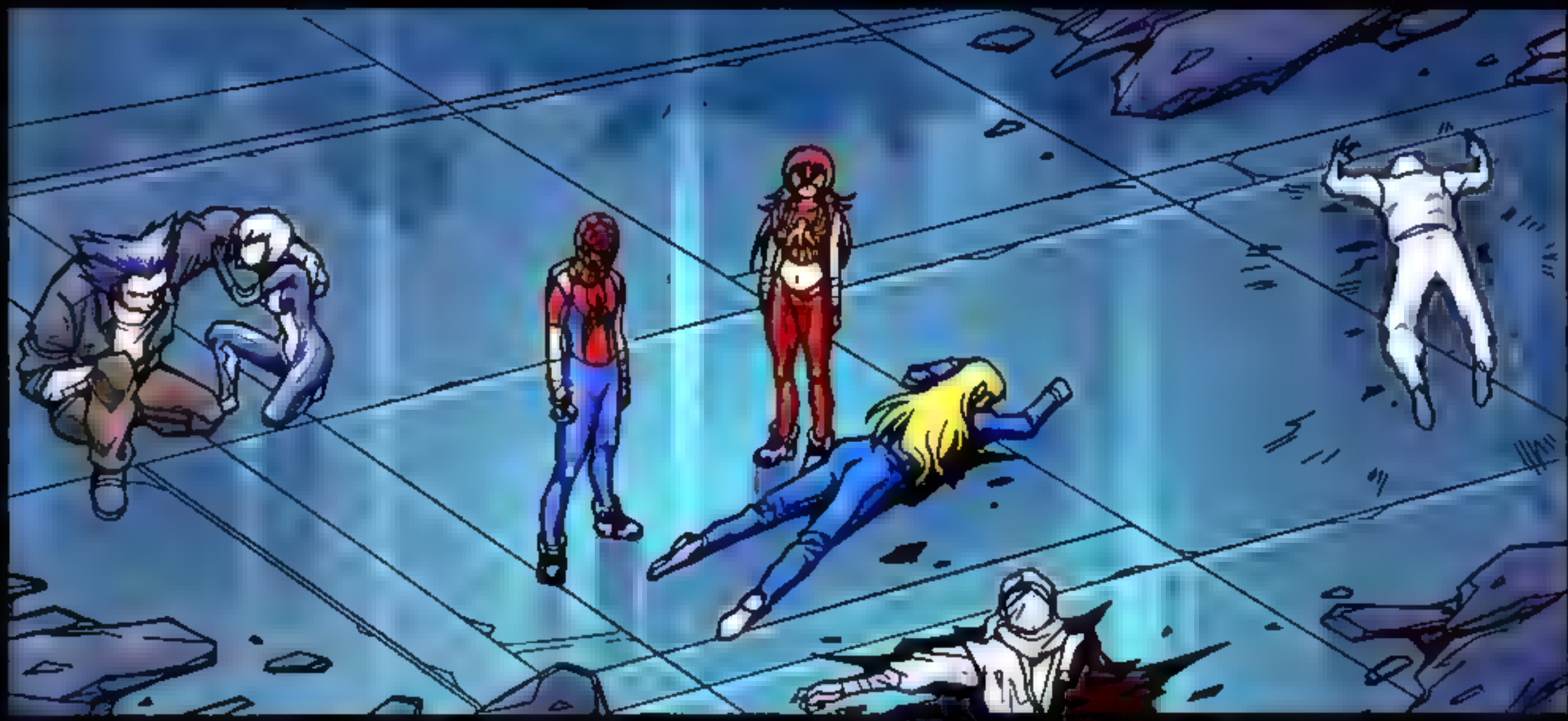


I'LL HANDLE THIS
HAWKEYE WANNABE
YOU HELP THE
SPIDERS WITH THE
SWORD GUY









WHAT THE HELL
WAS THAT?!

THAT WAS A
CHOREOGRAPHED
ATTACK, IS WHAT
IT WAS.

WHAT?! THEY
KNEW WE WERE
HERE?



NO WAY. THAT WAS
MUCH TOO RANDOM
TO HAVE BEEN
PLANNED.

THAT'S WHAT THEY WANTED
US TO THINK. I DON'T KNOW
HOW THEY KNEW, BUT THAT
WAS AN INTRICATE "SMASH
AND GRAB" HEIST.

THE NINJA WERE JUST
DECOYS WHILE THAT
WOMAN WENT AFTER
THE SCORE

AND WHAT
WAS THE SCORE
EXACTLY?



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First and nine.

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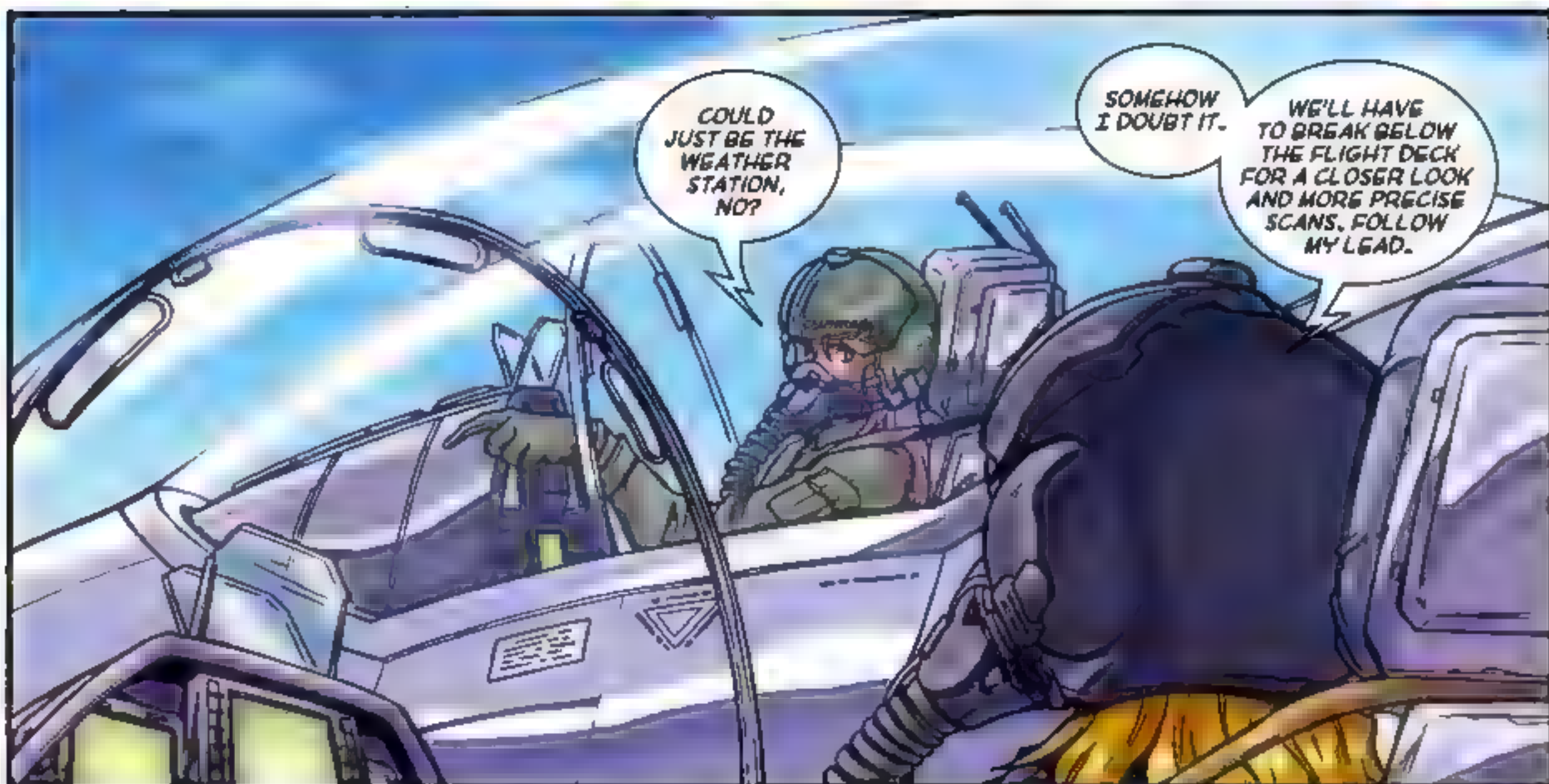
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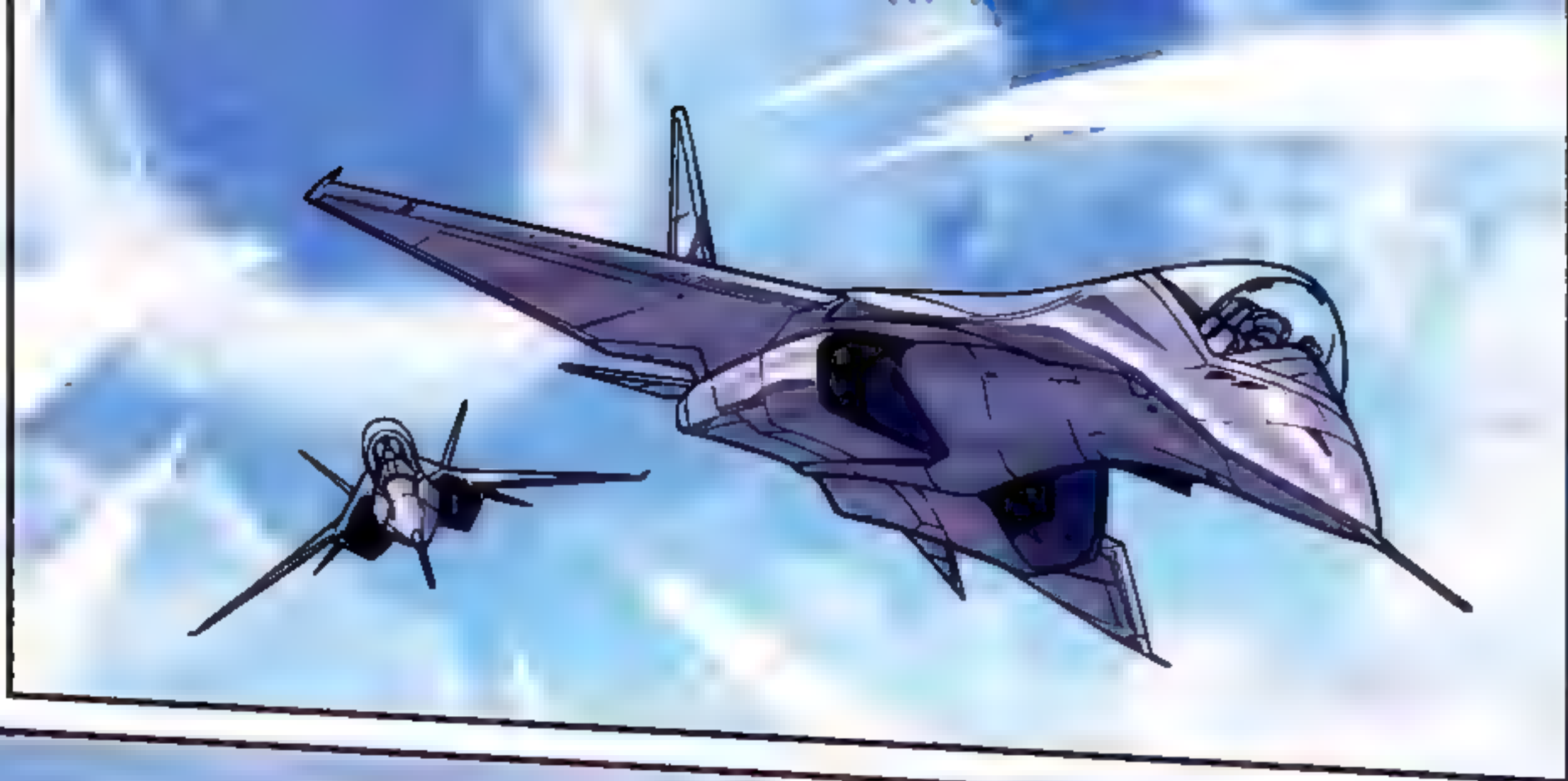
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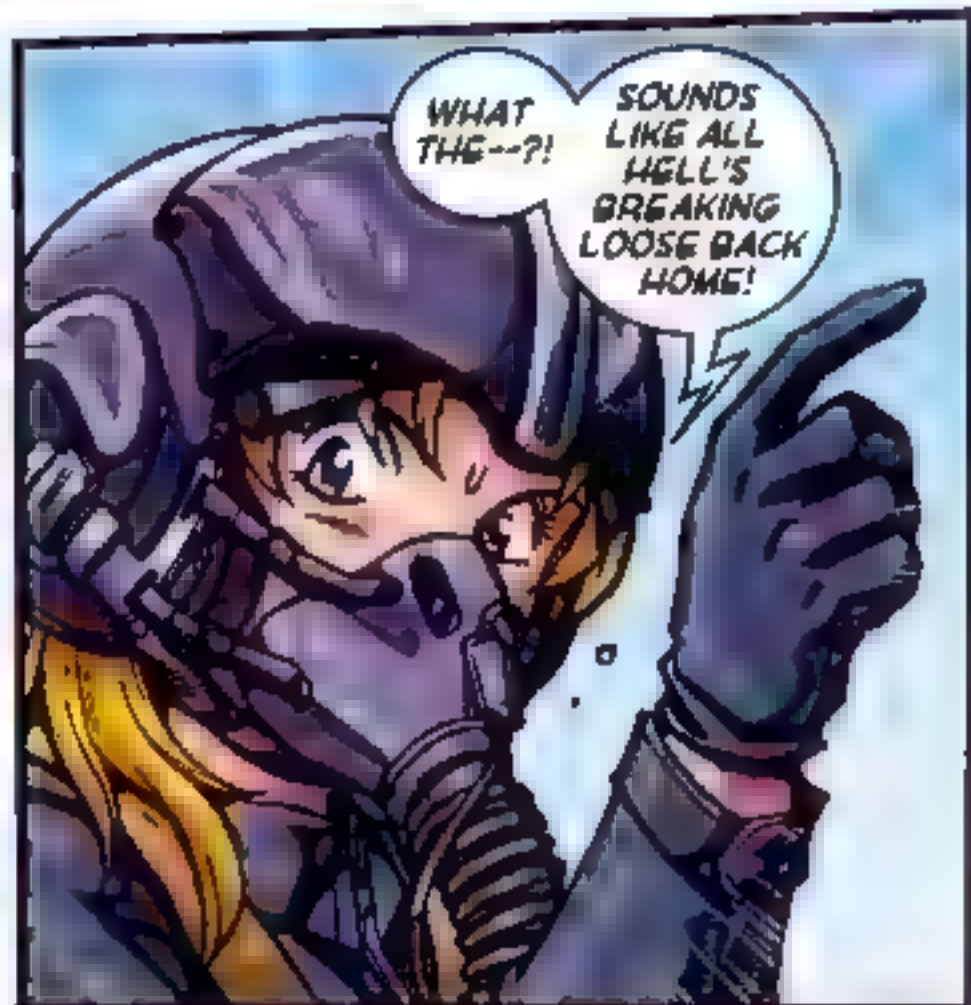
I'VE NEVER
SEEN READINGS
LIKE THIS... THAT'S
DEFINITELY NOT
THE WEATHER
STATION.



TOLD
YA. LET'S
MAKE ONE
MORE PASS,
THEN--

CODE RED:
ALL PILOTS,
RETURN TO BASE
IMMEDIATELY!
REPEAT: ALL
PILOTS--

*ARR
GHH!!*



WHAT
THE--?!

SOUNDS
LIKE ALL
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BREAKING
LOOSE BACK
HOME!



ice cream float.

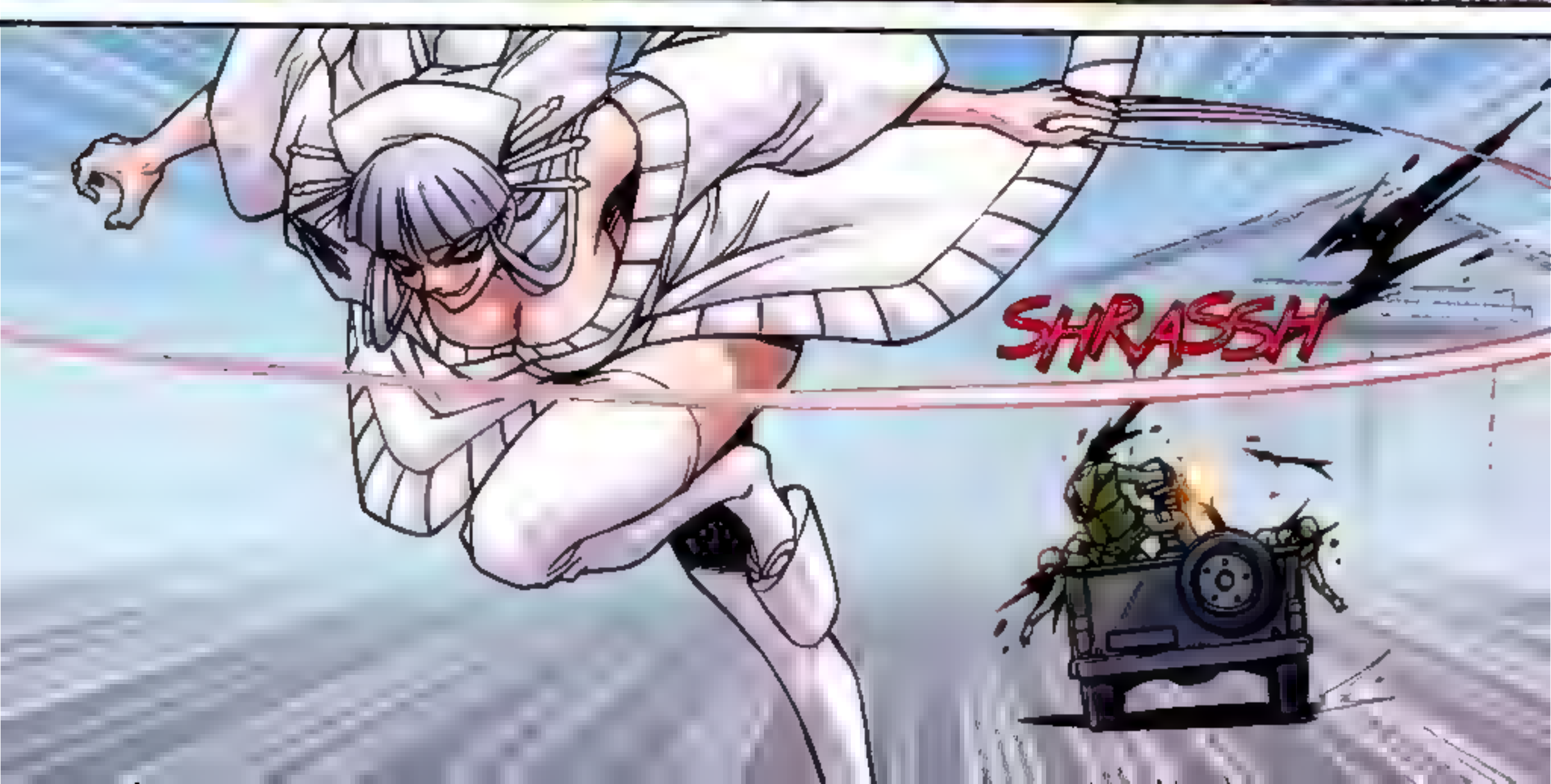
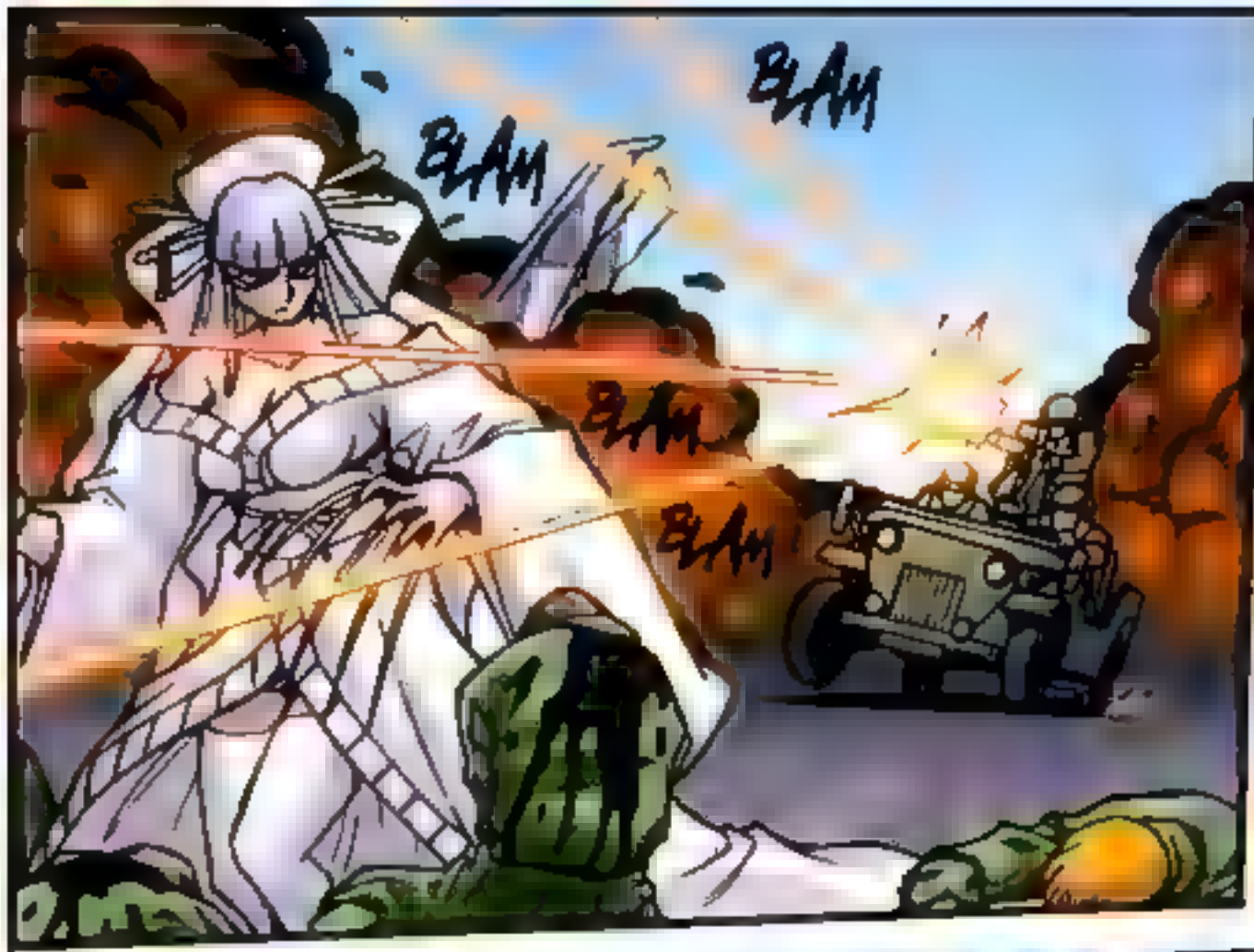


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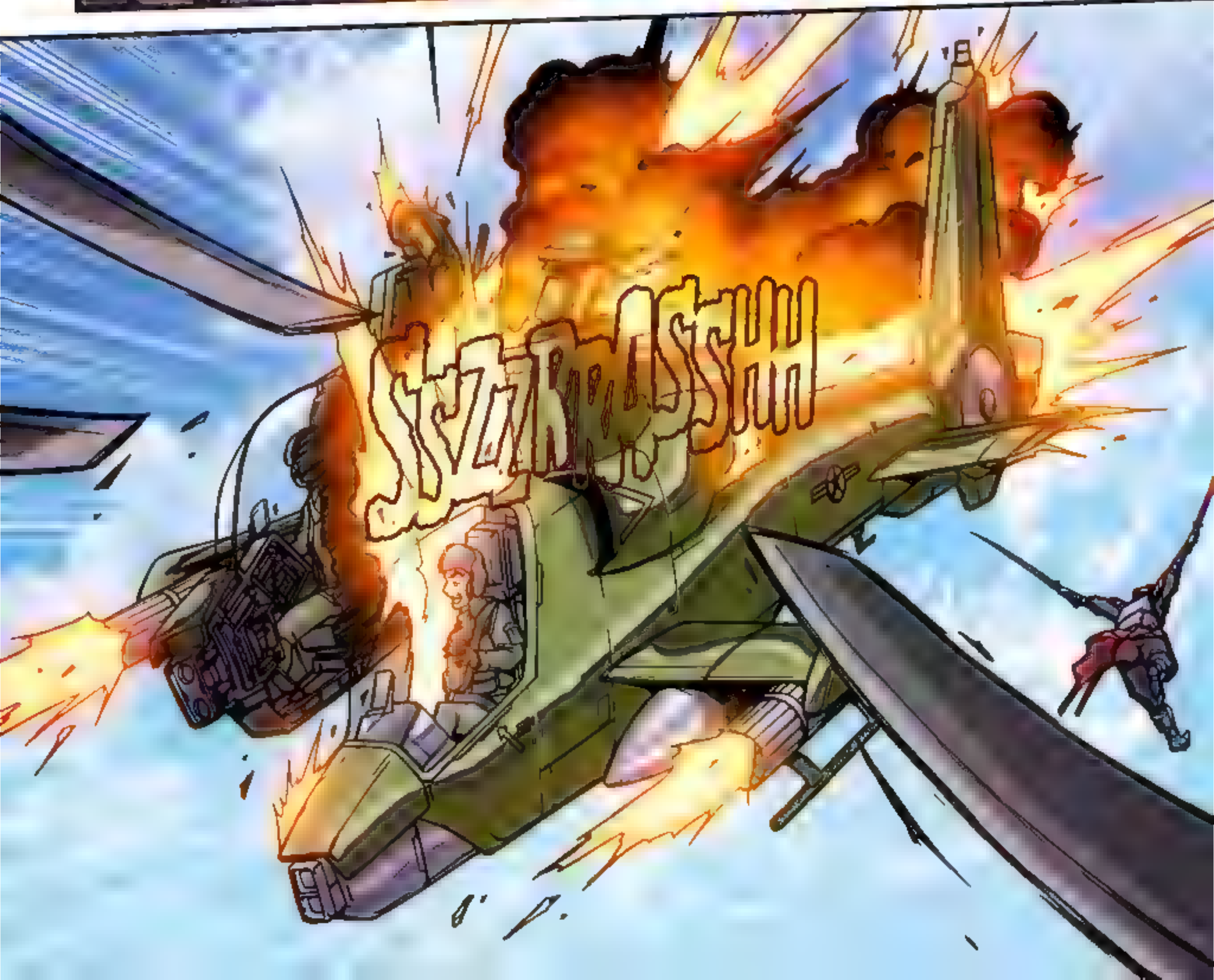
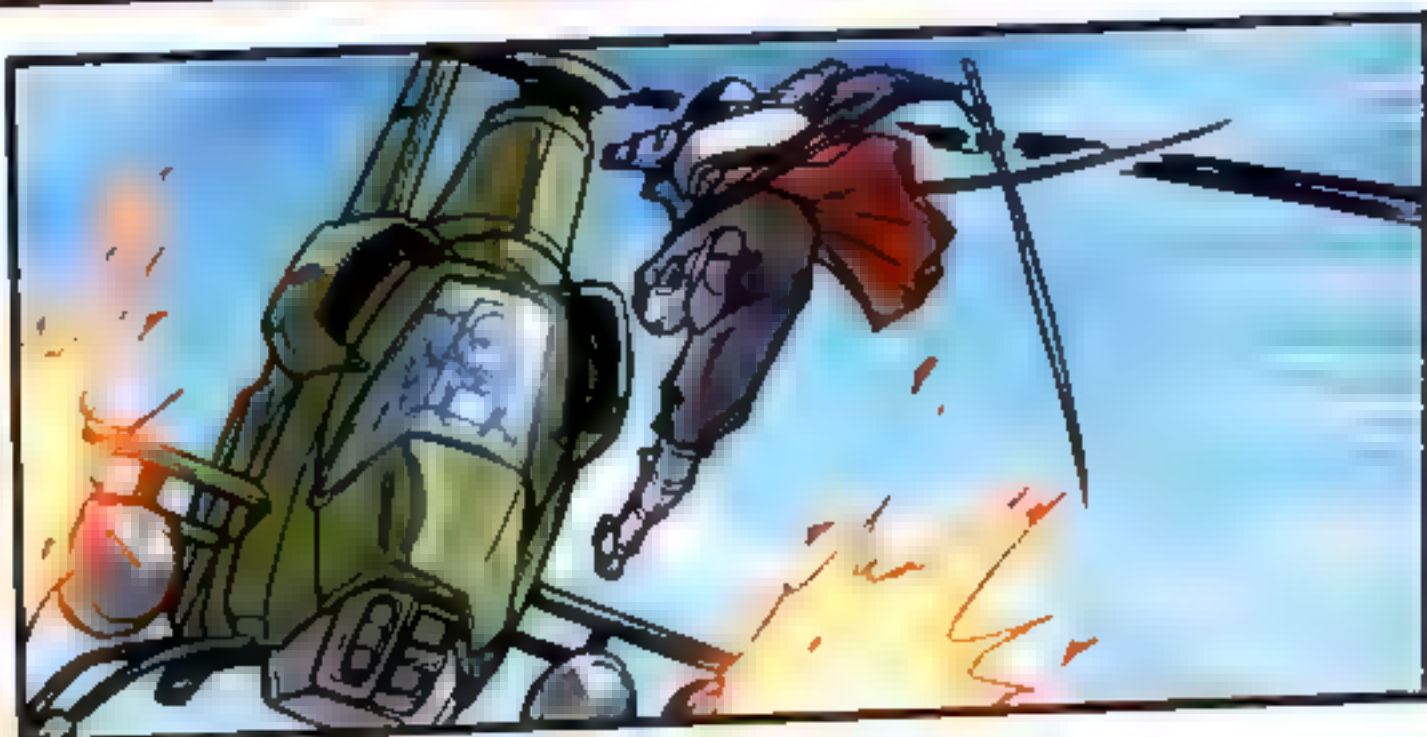
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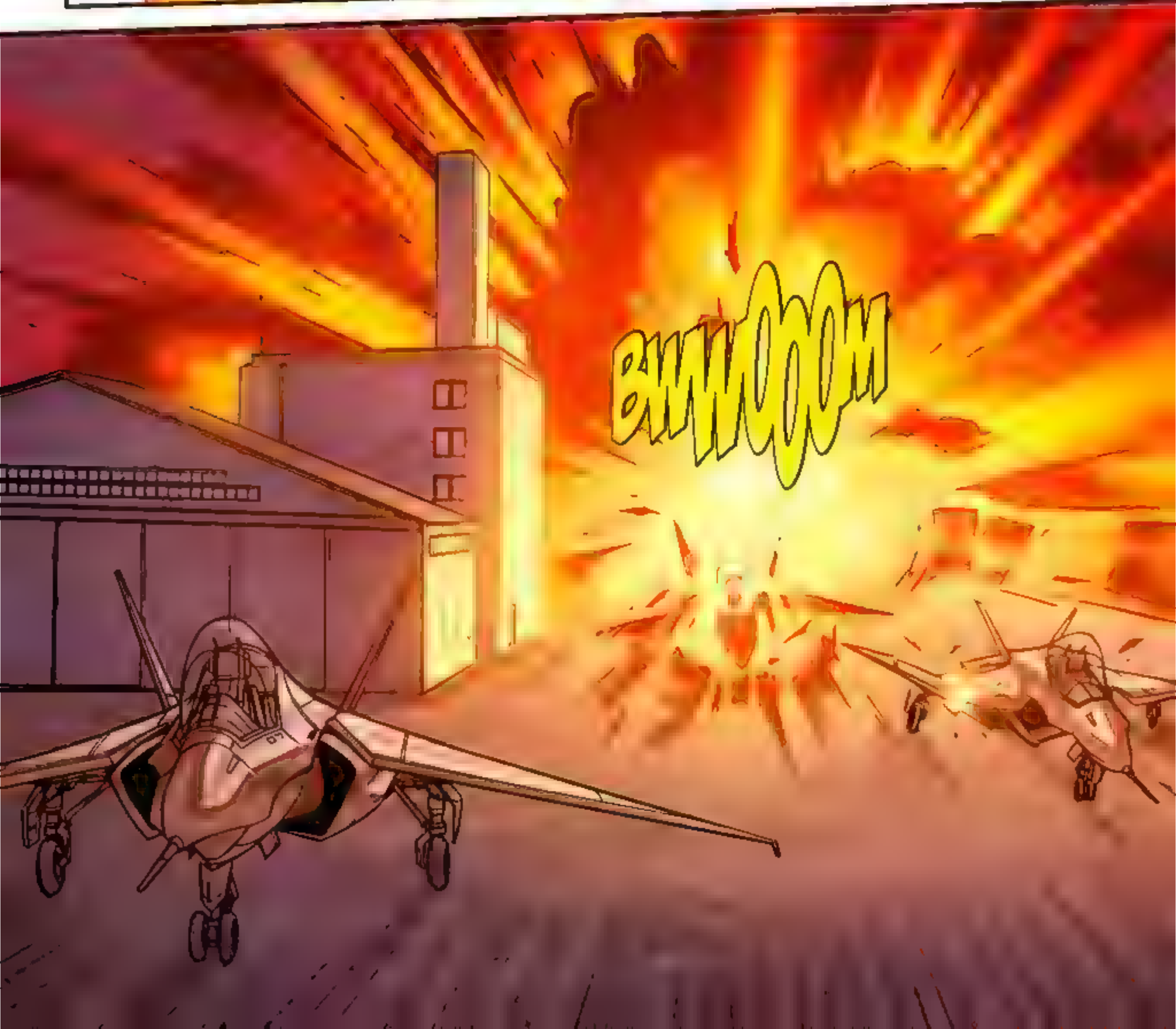
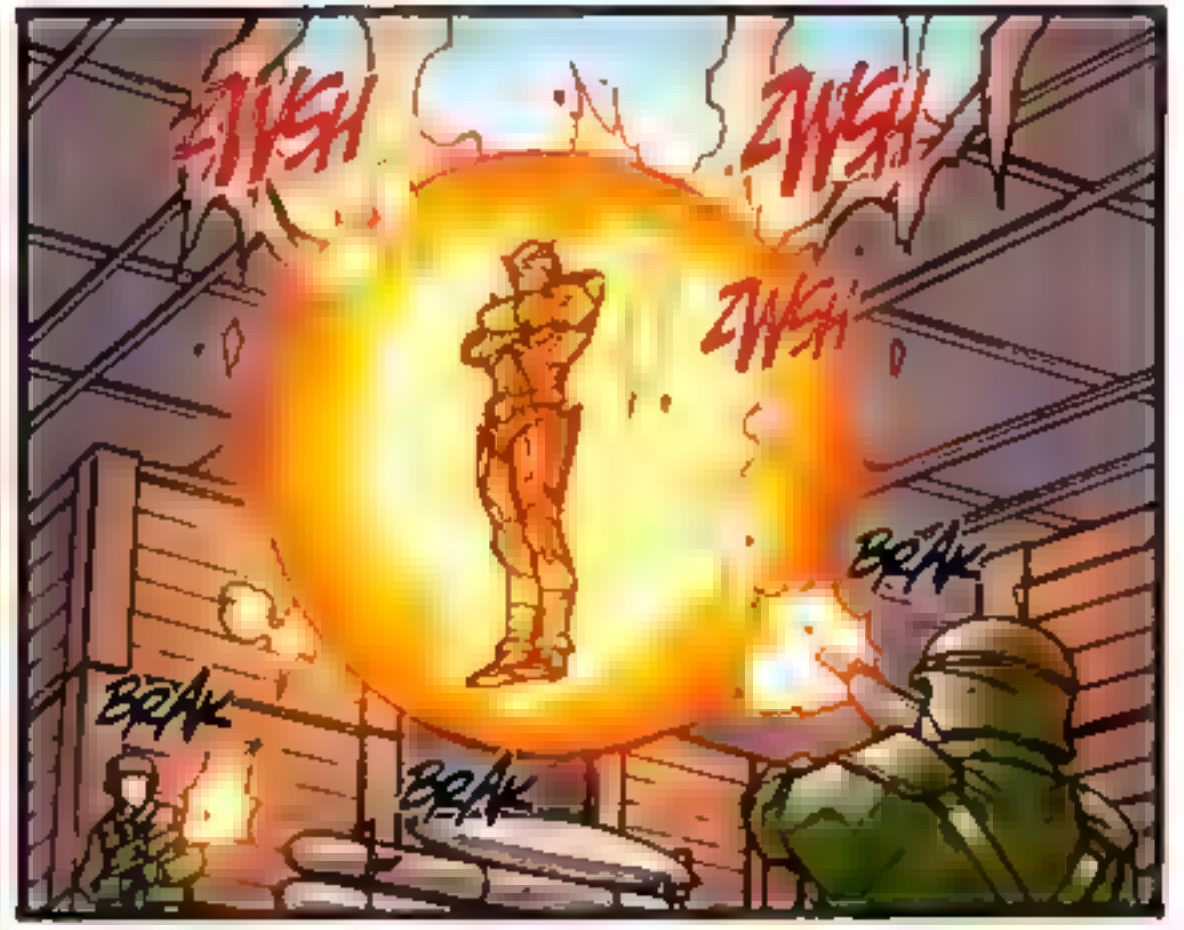
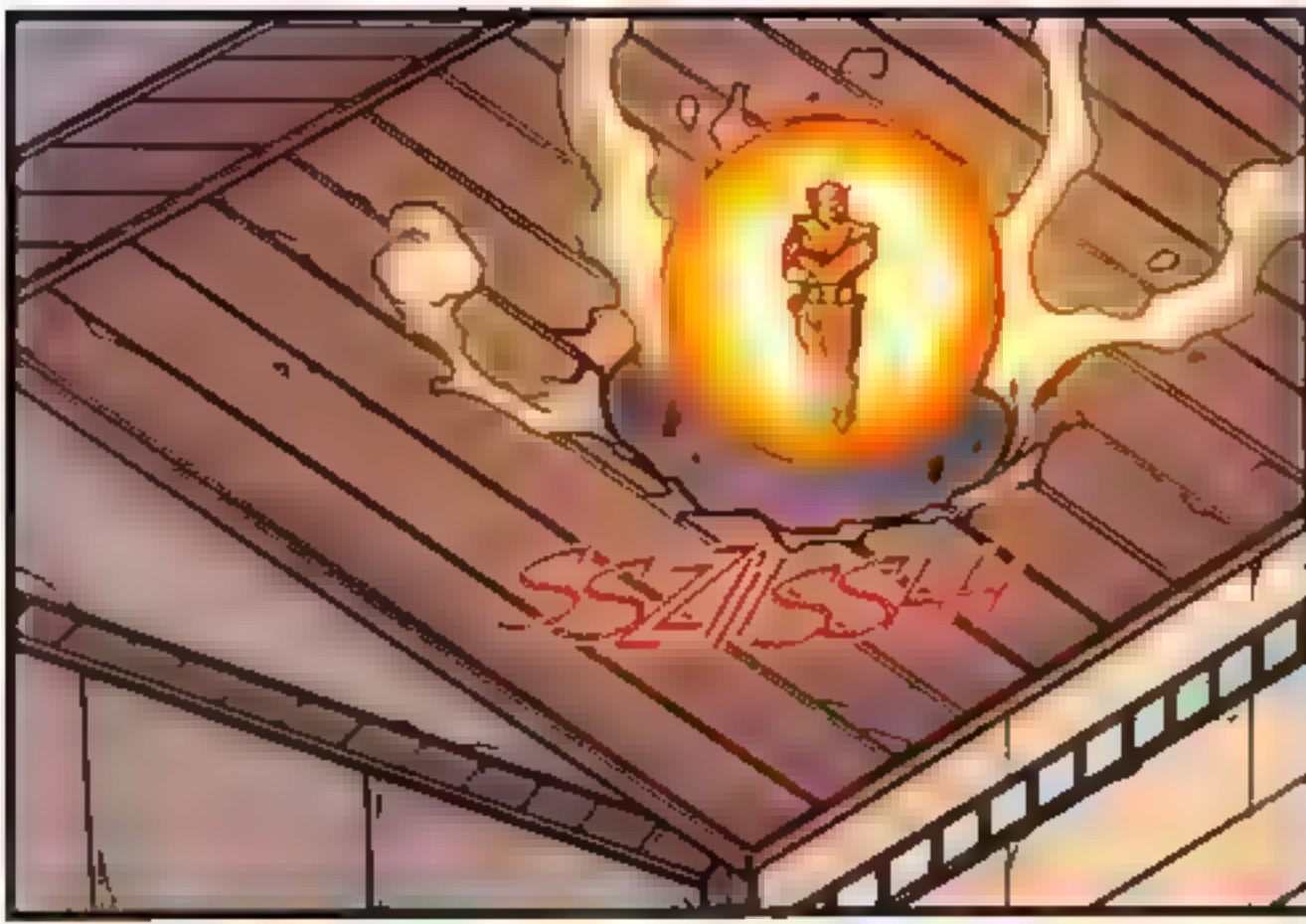
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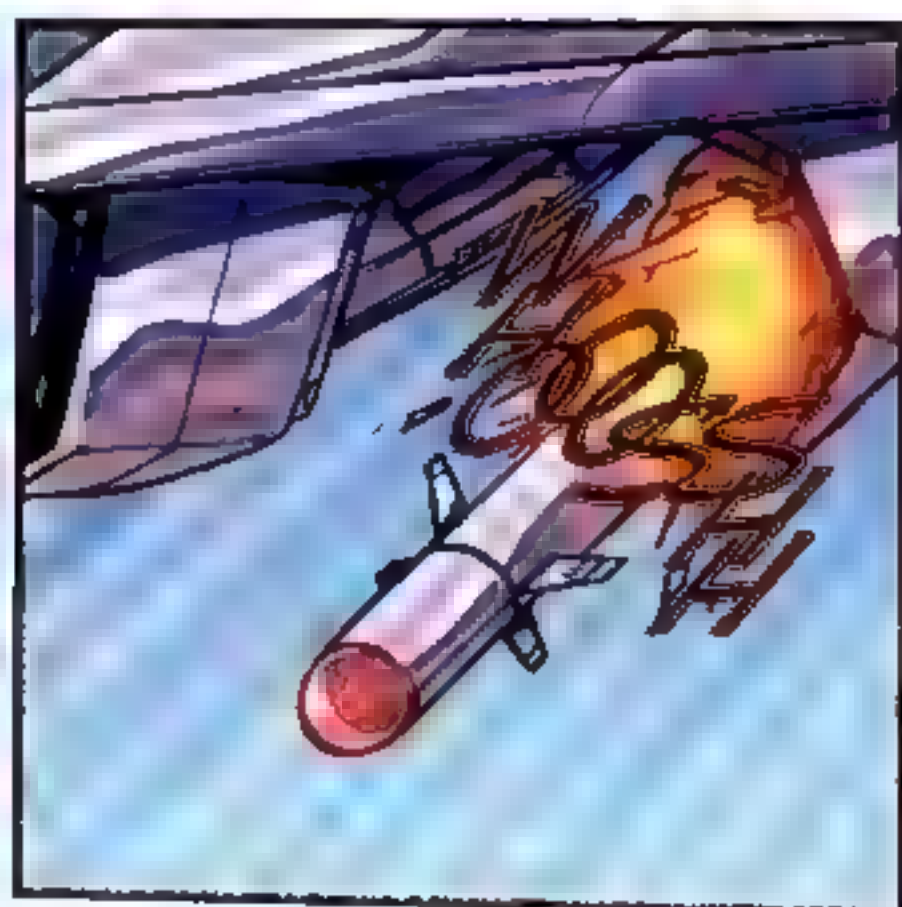
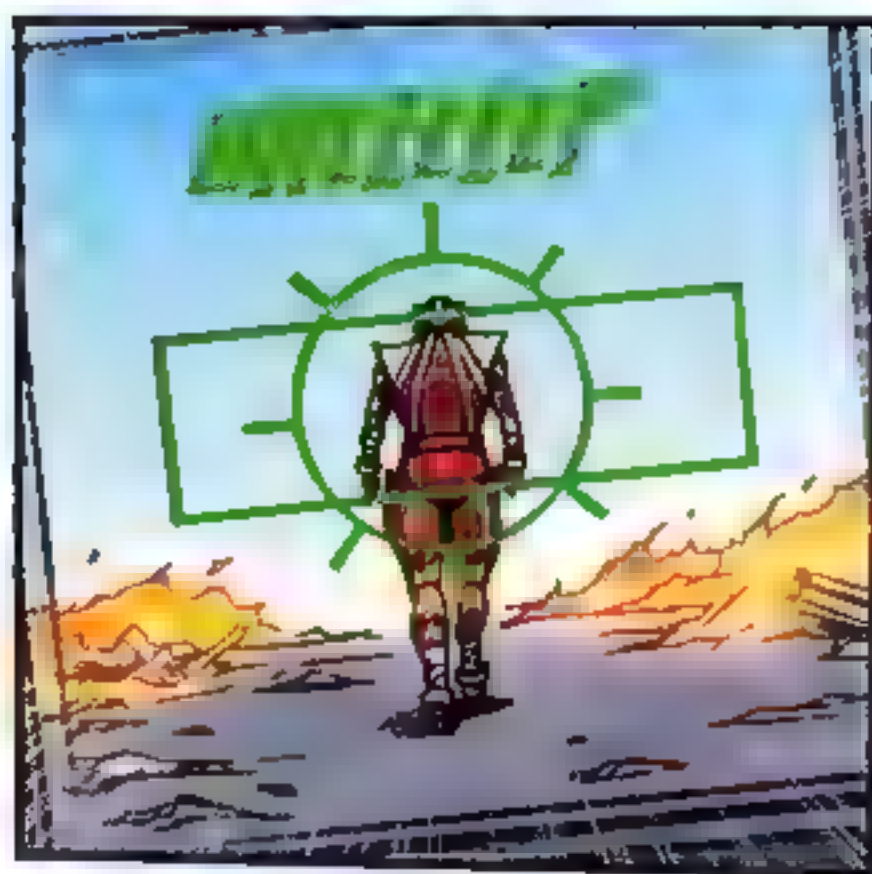
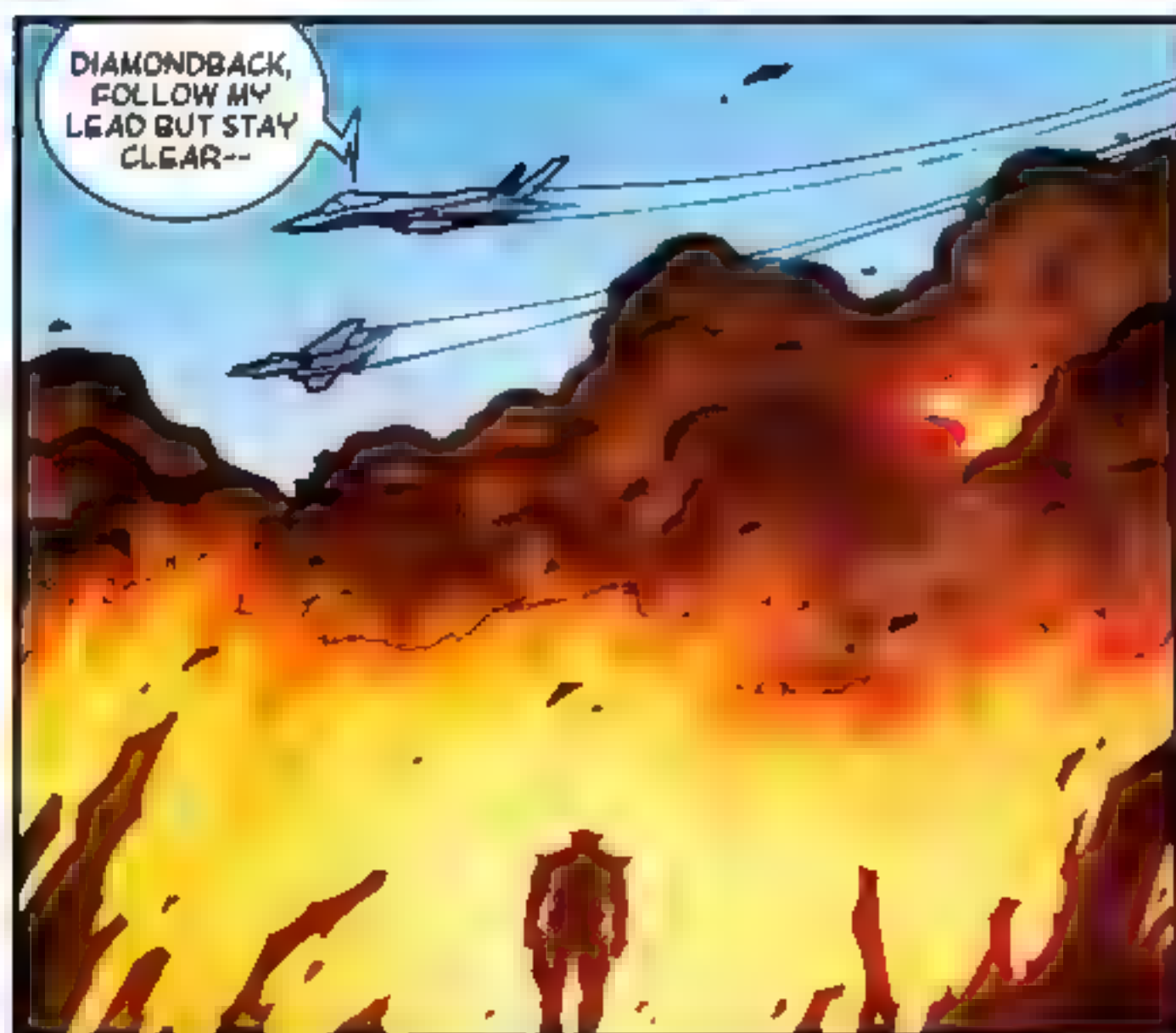
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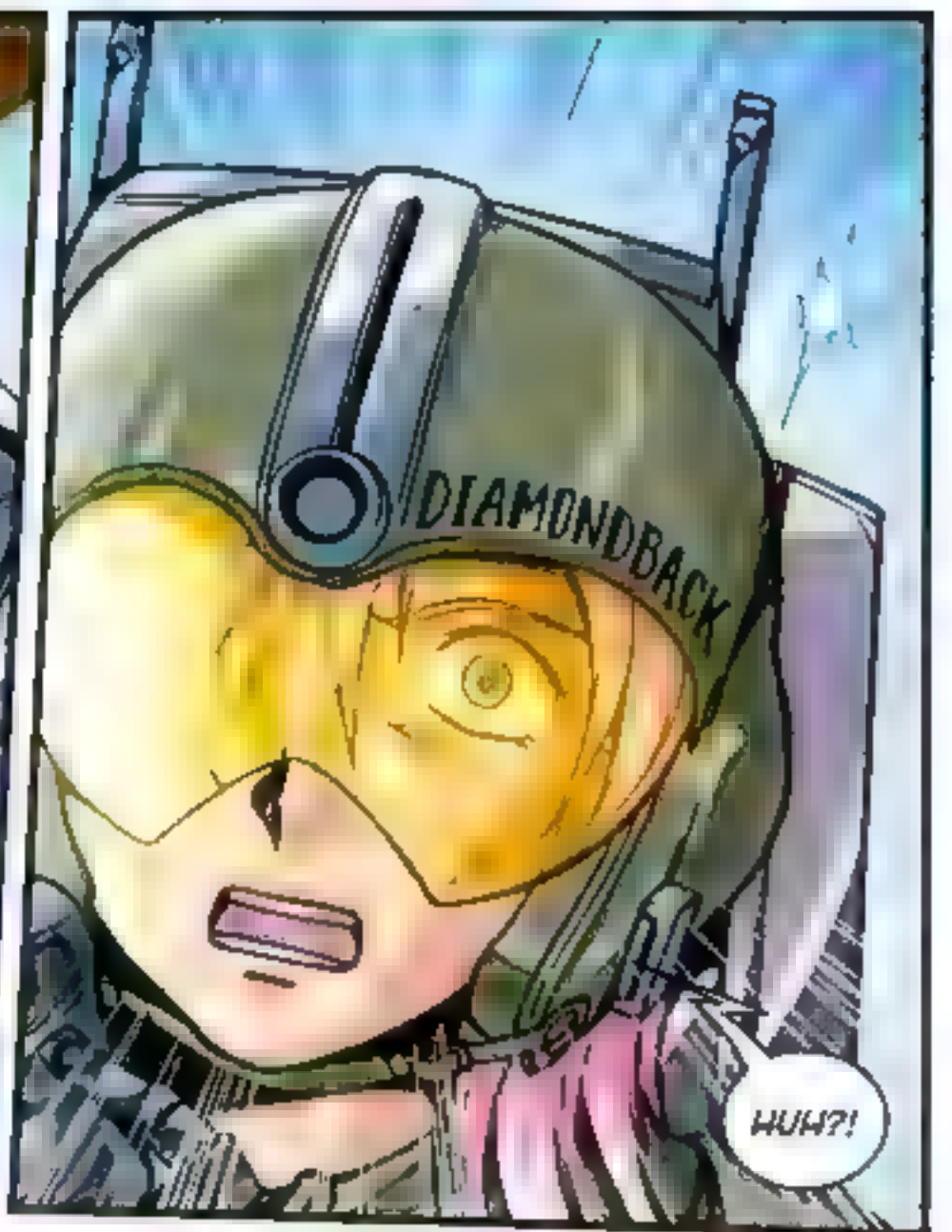
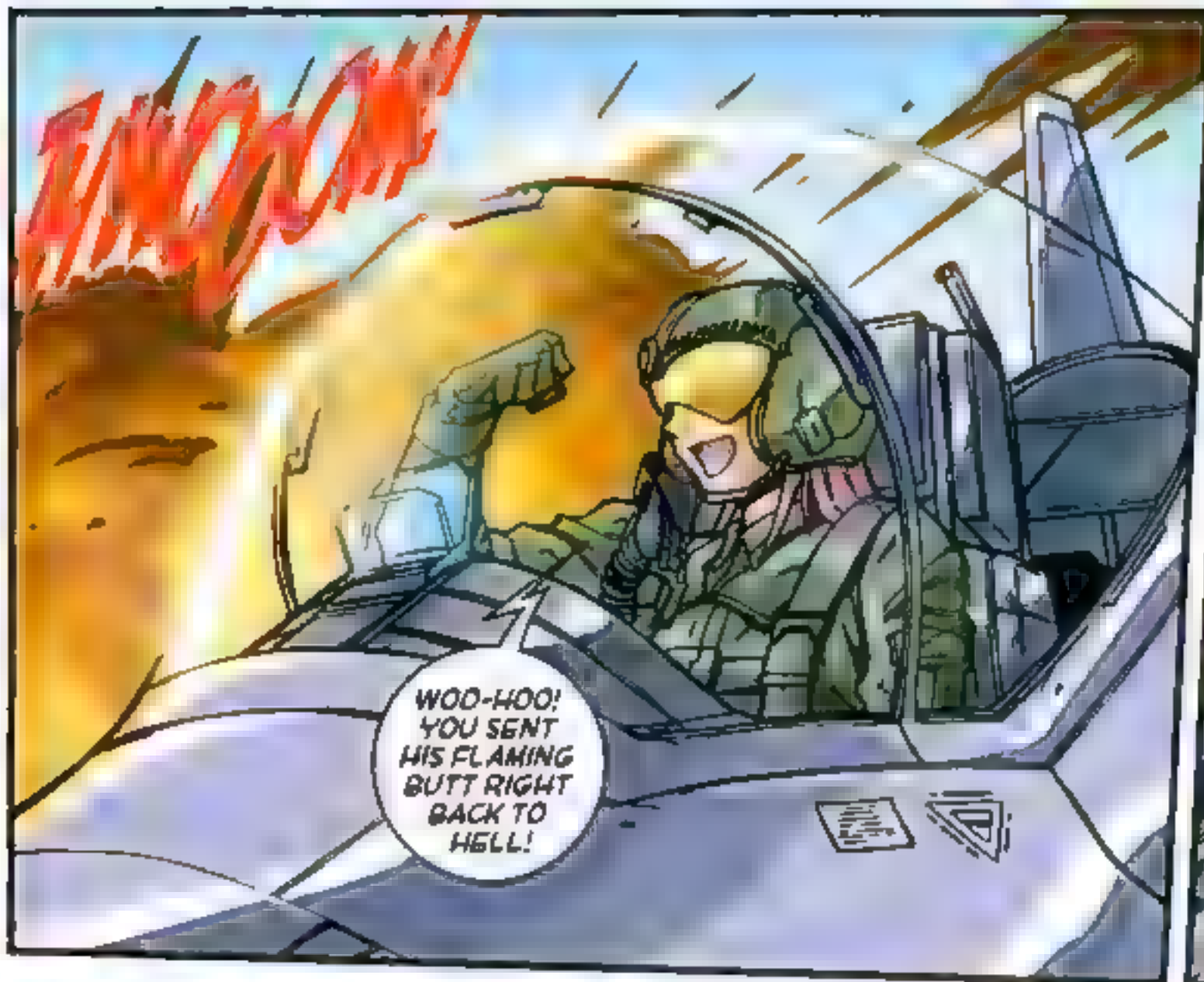
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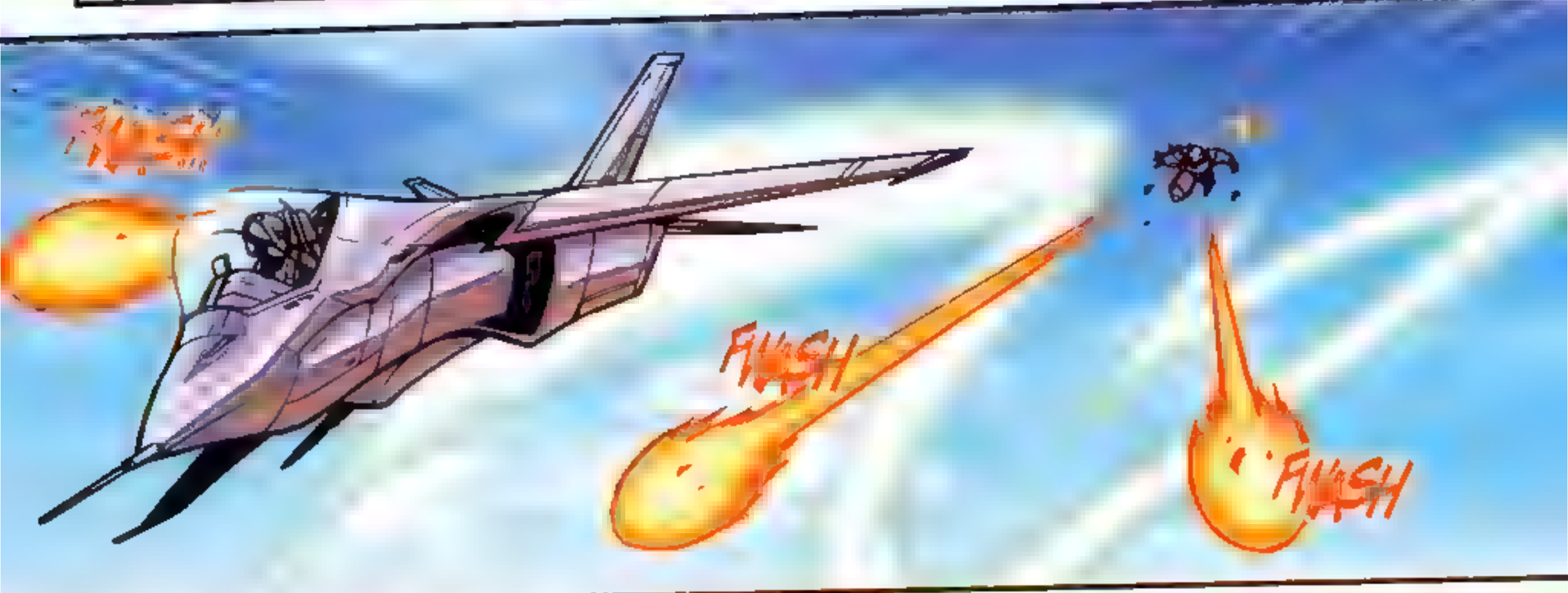
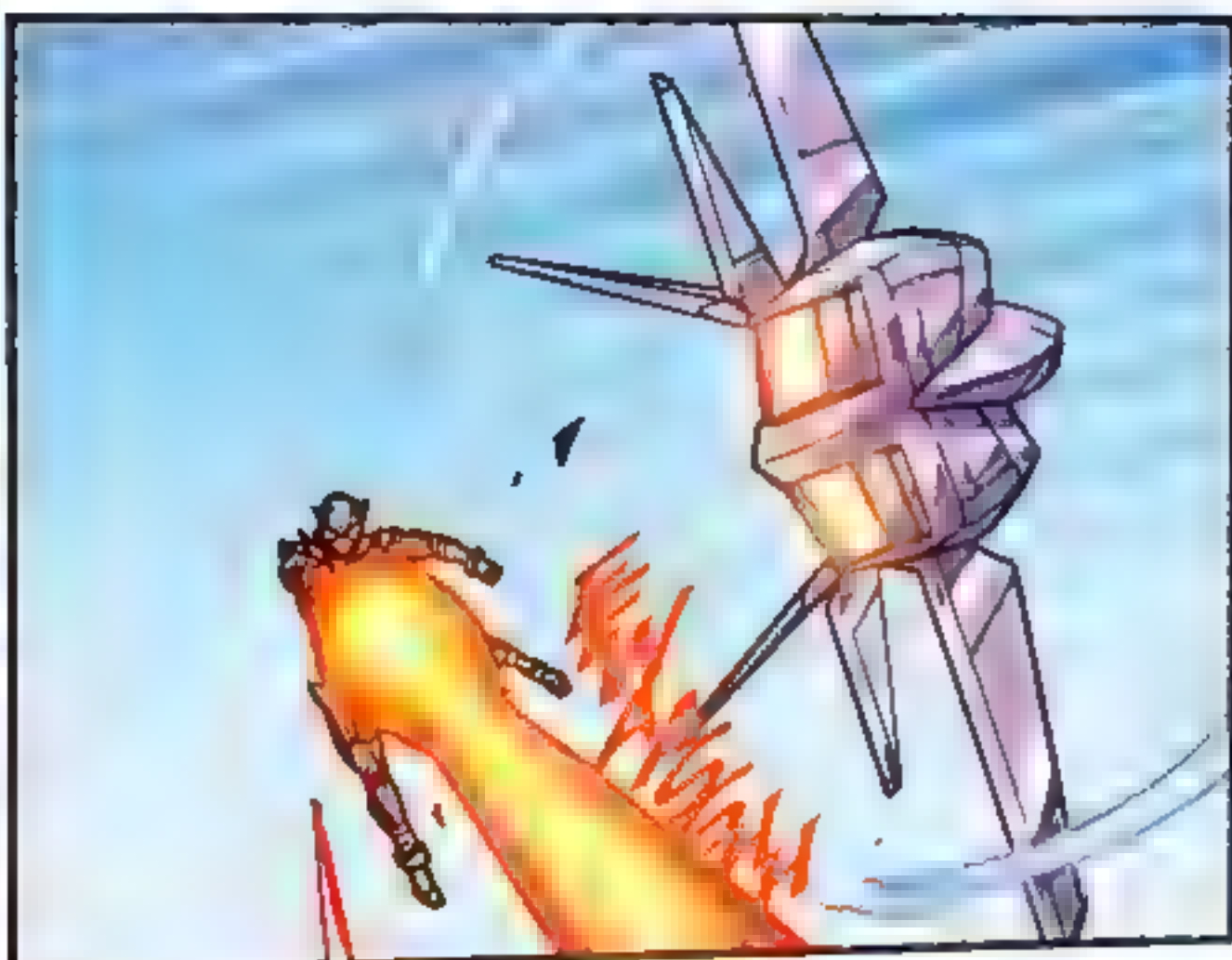
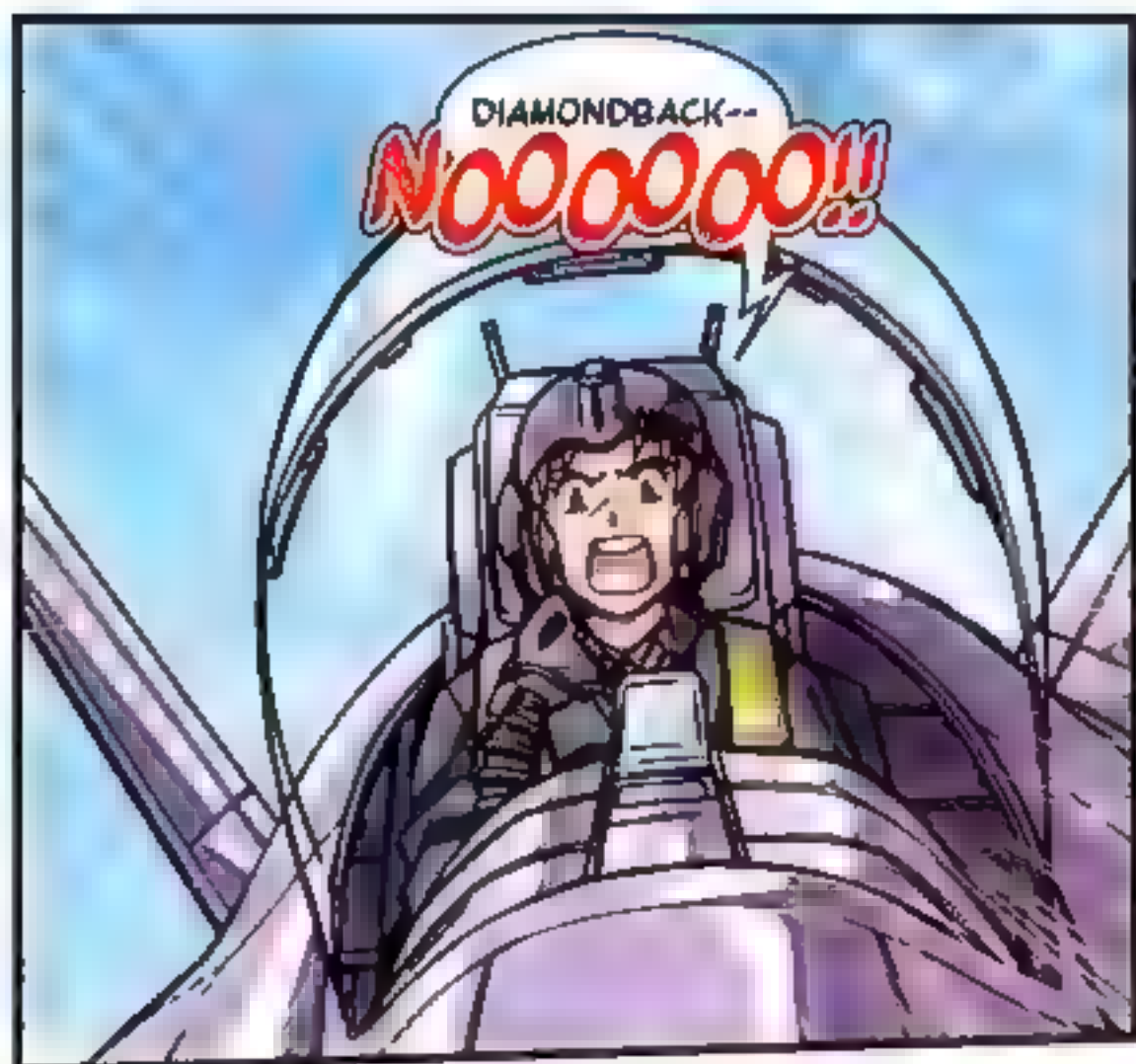
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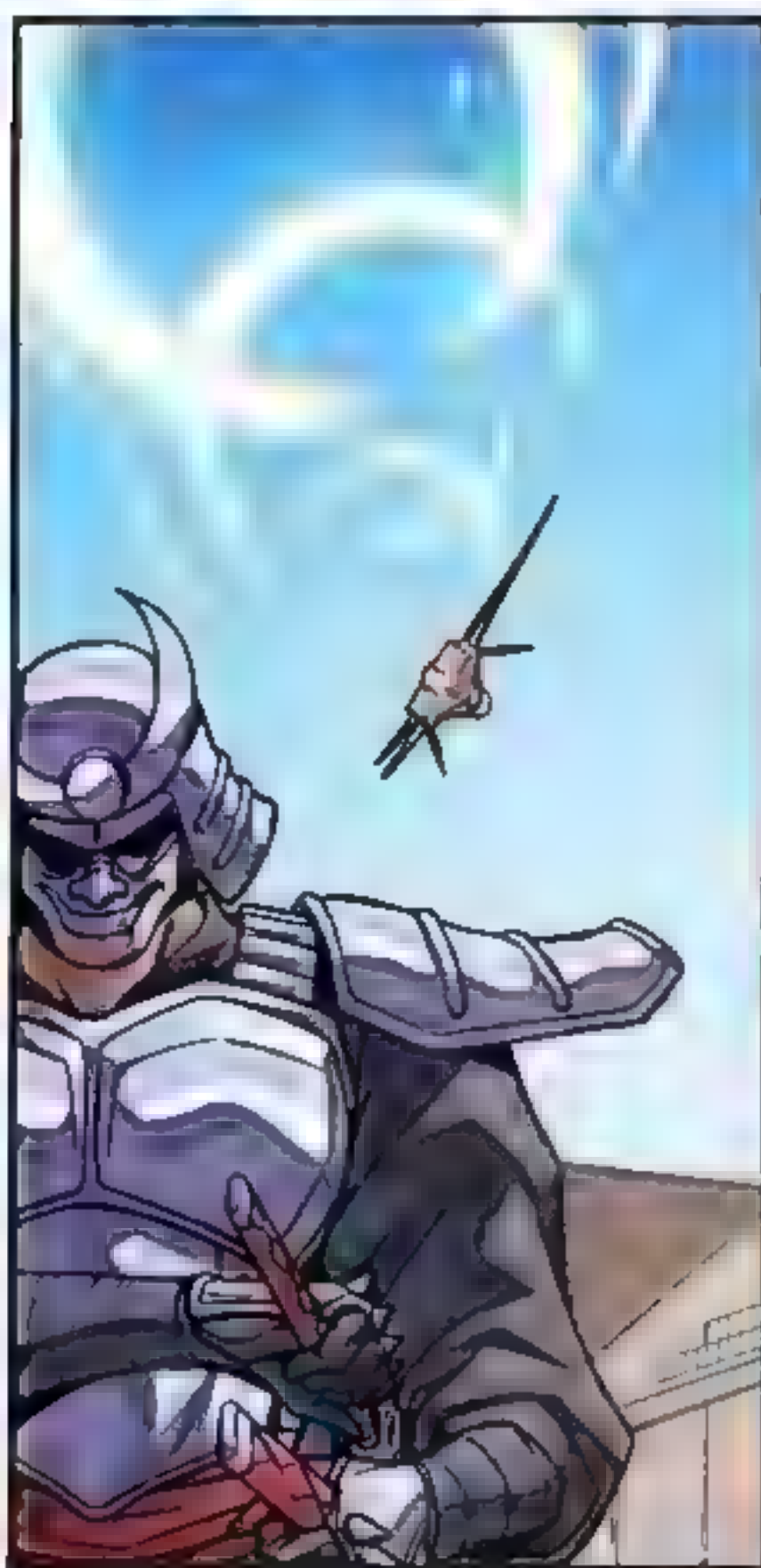
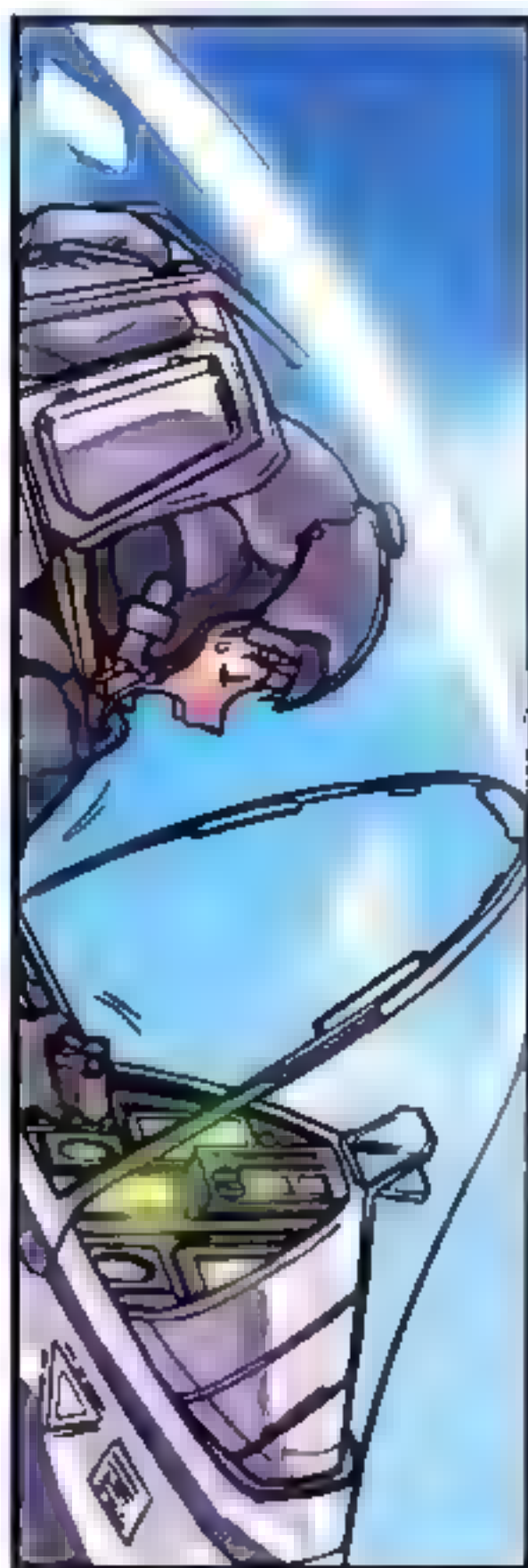
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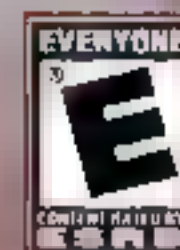
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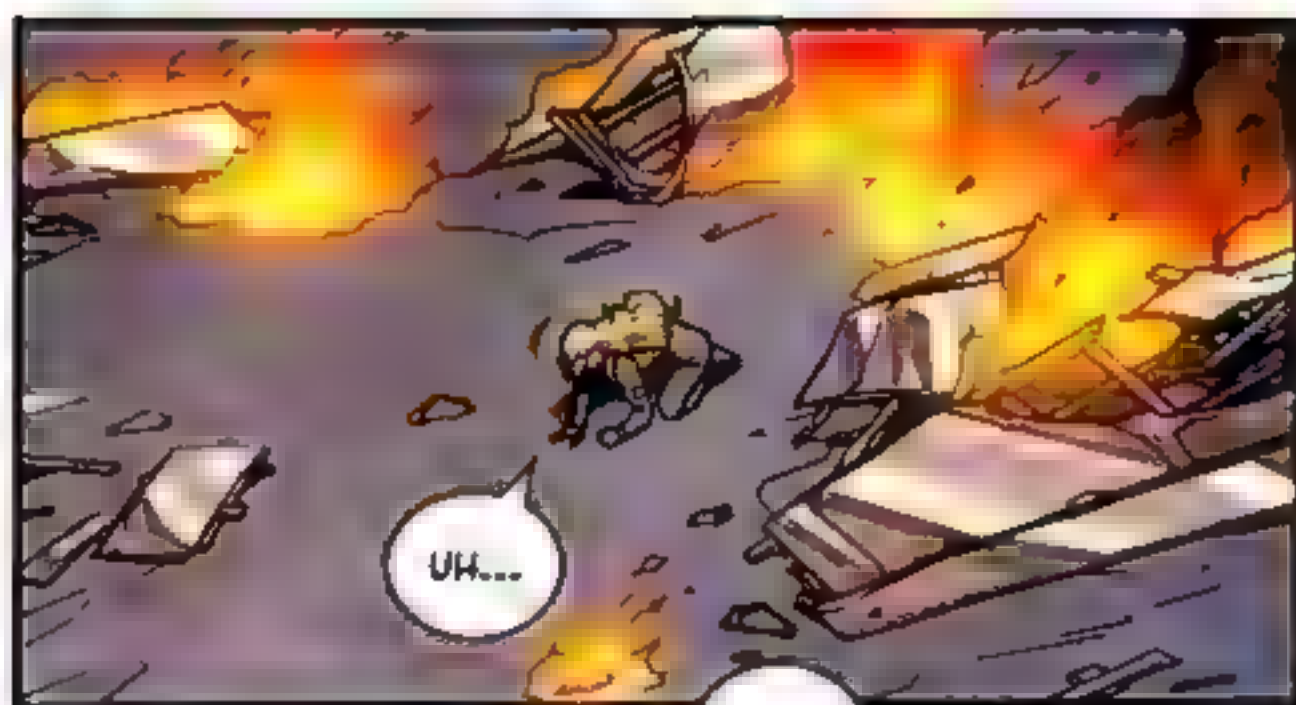


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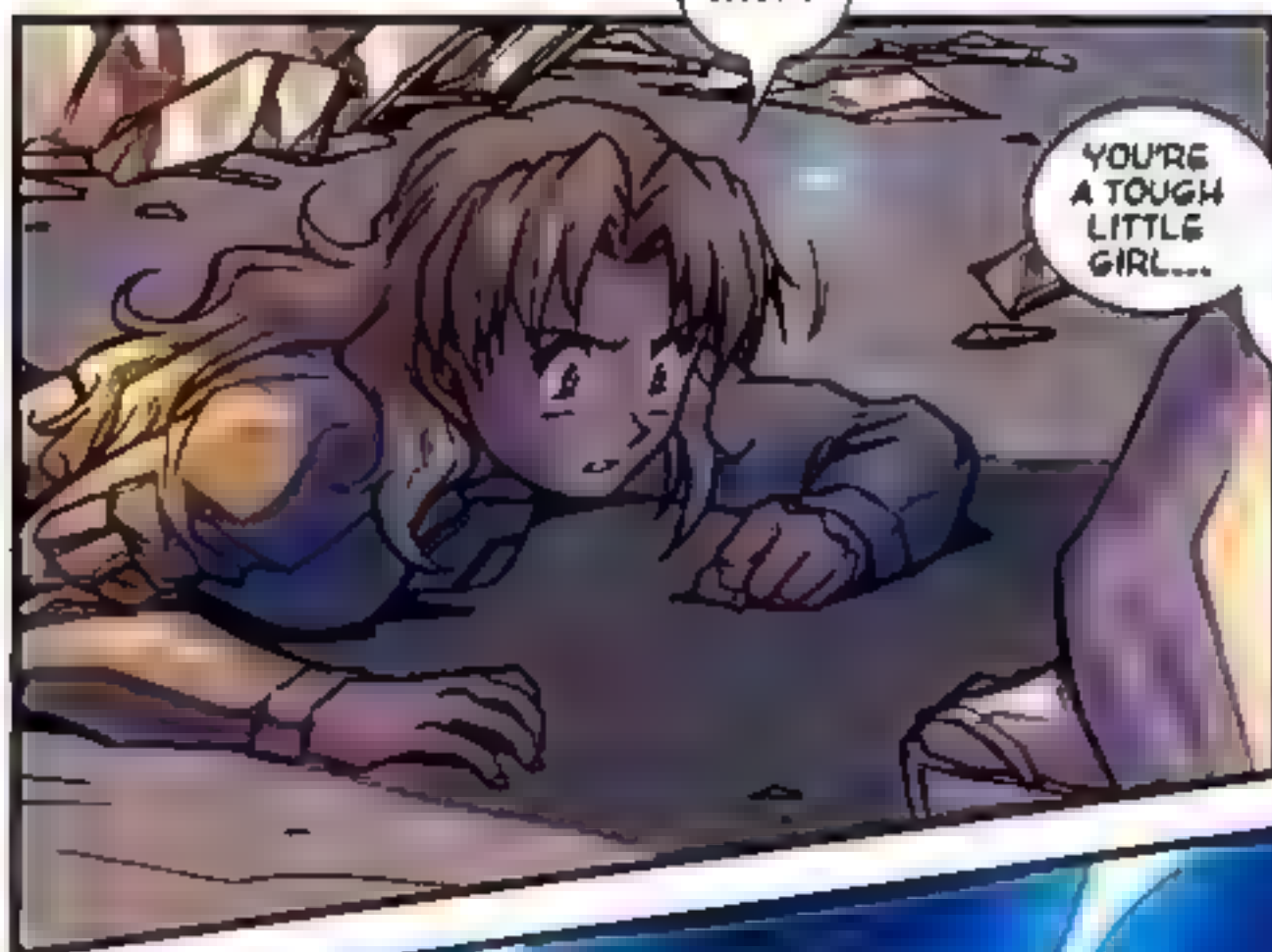
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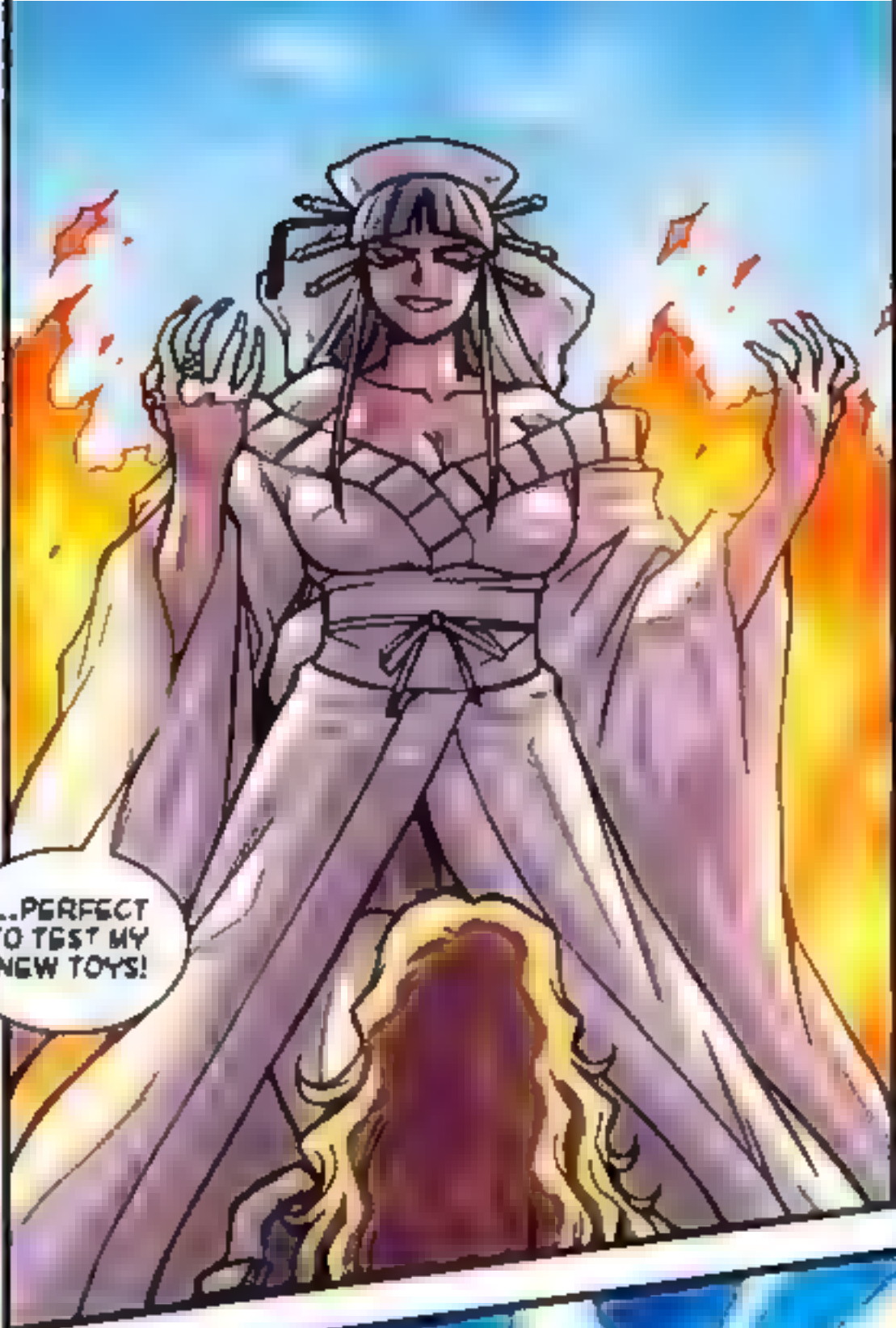
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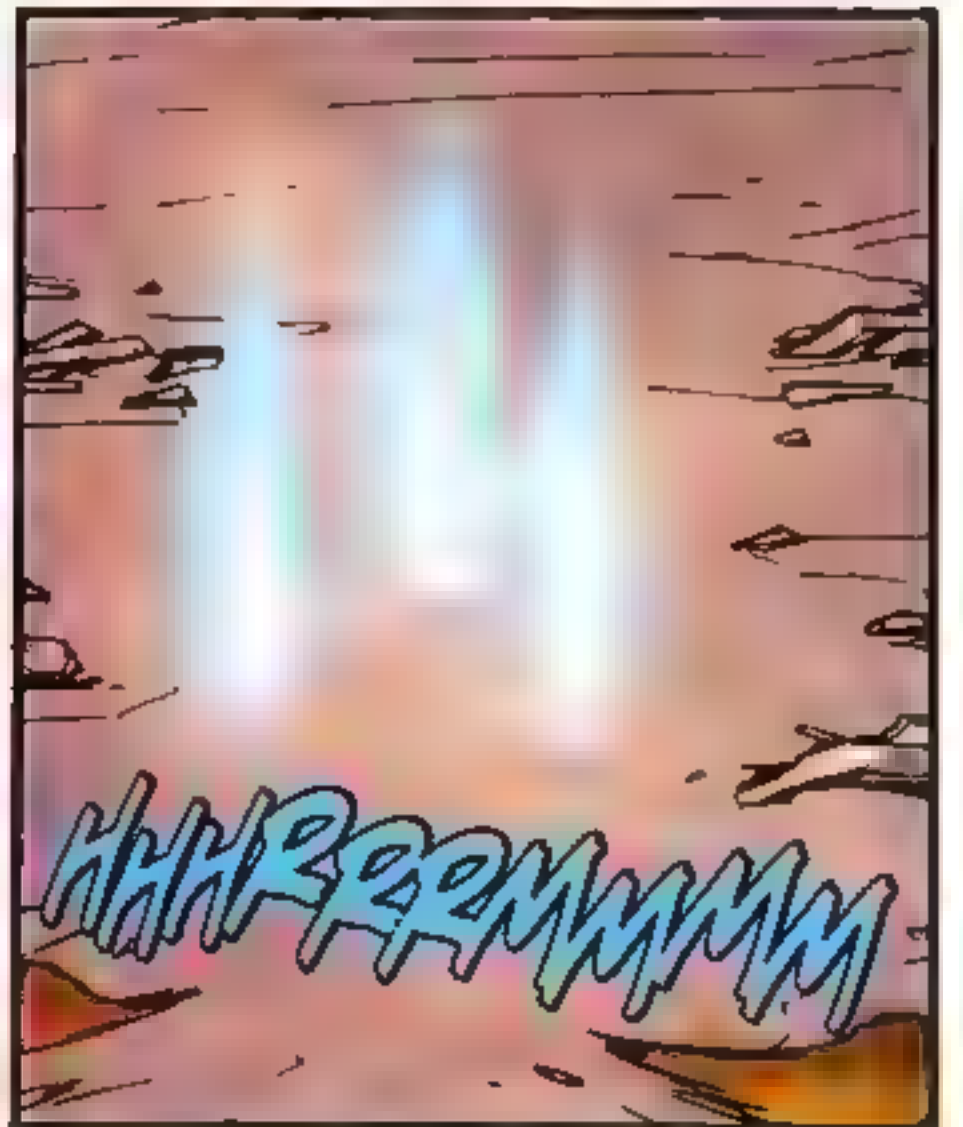
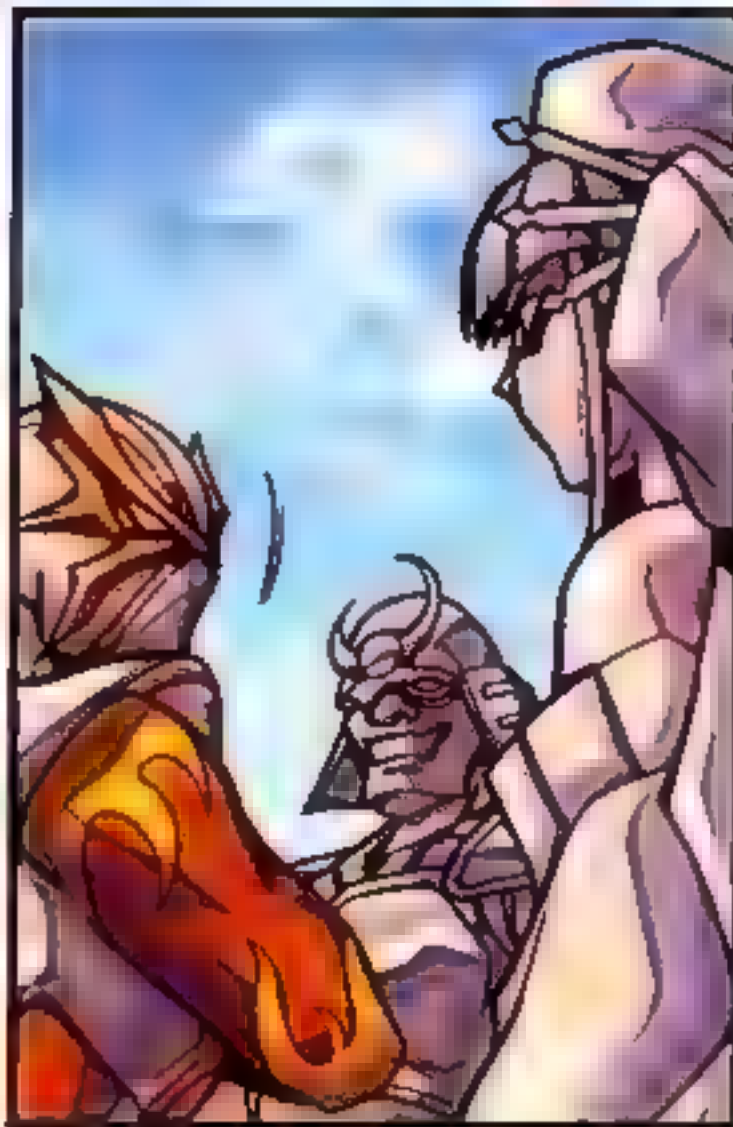
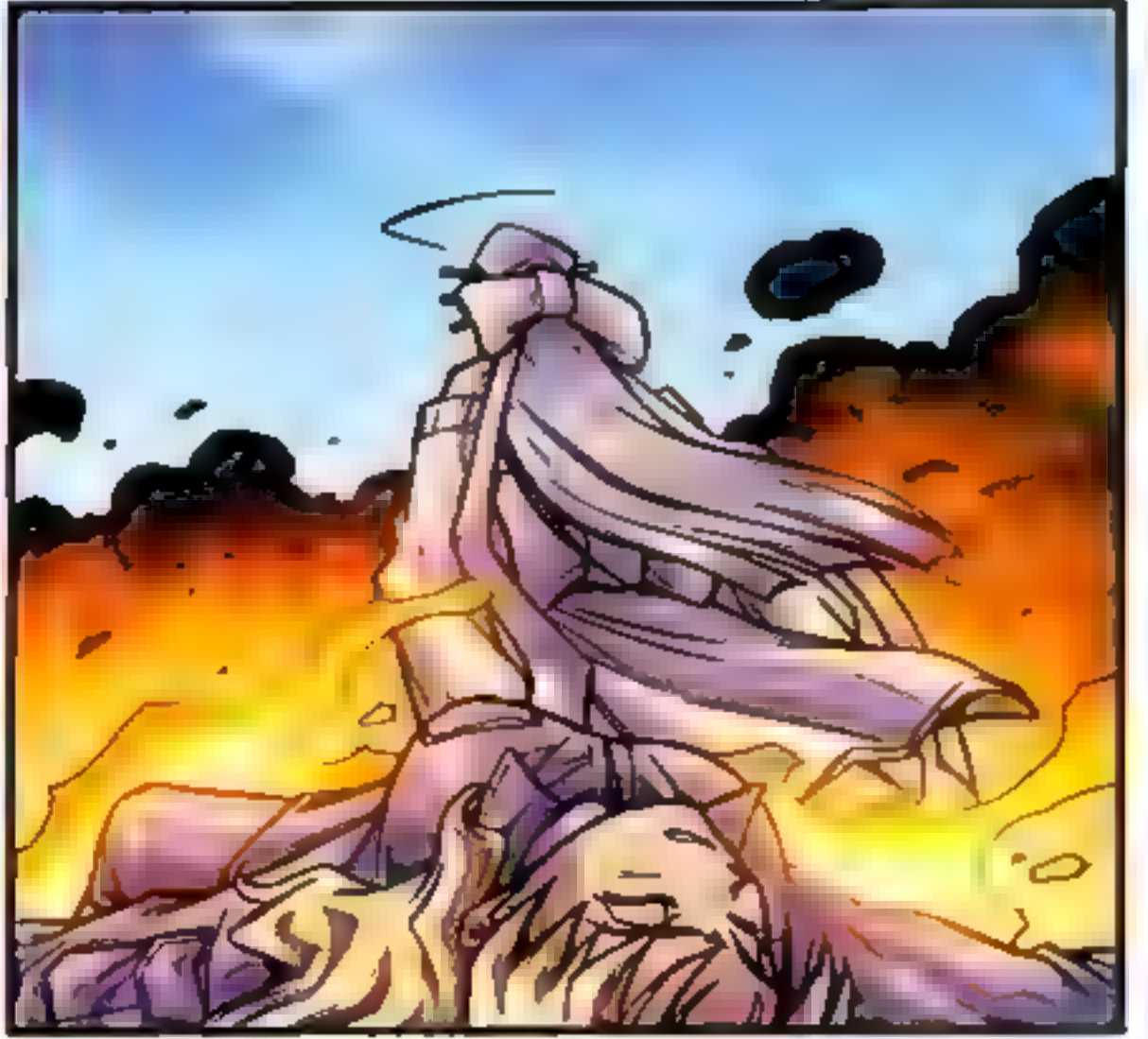
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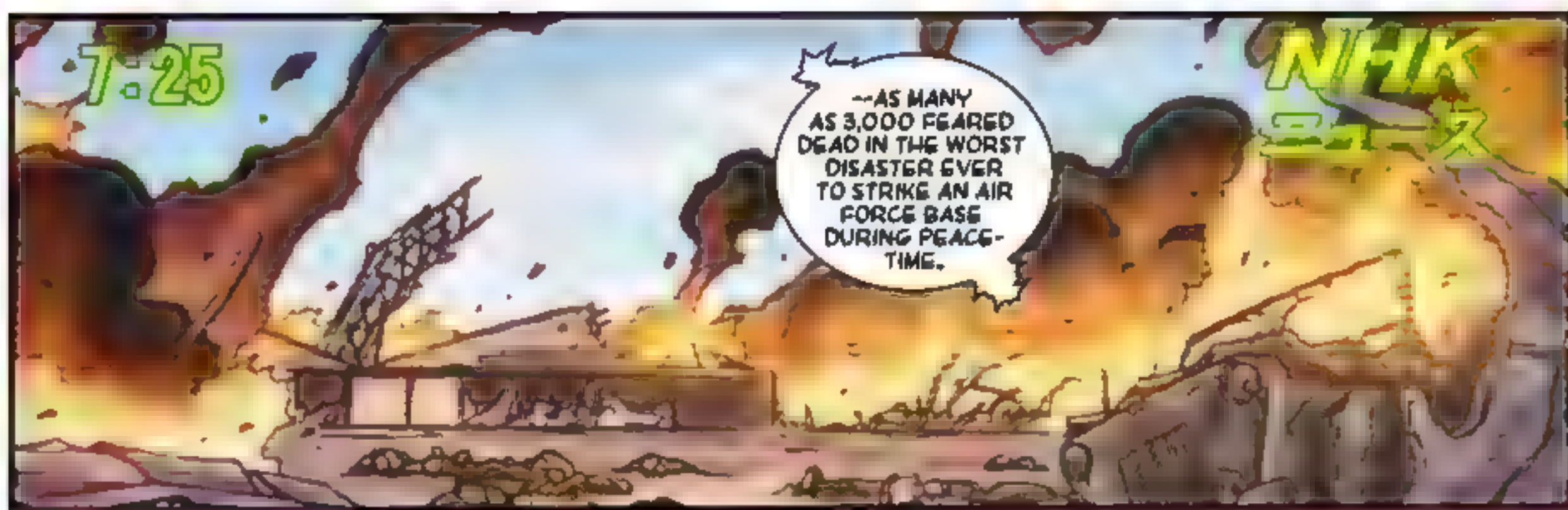


YOU'RE
A TOUGH
LITTLE
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...PERFECT
TO TEST MY
NEW TOYS!



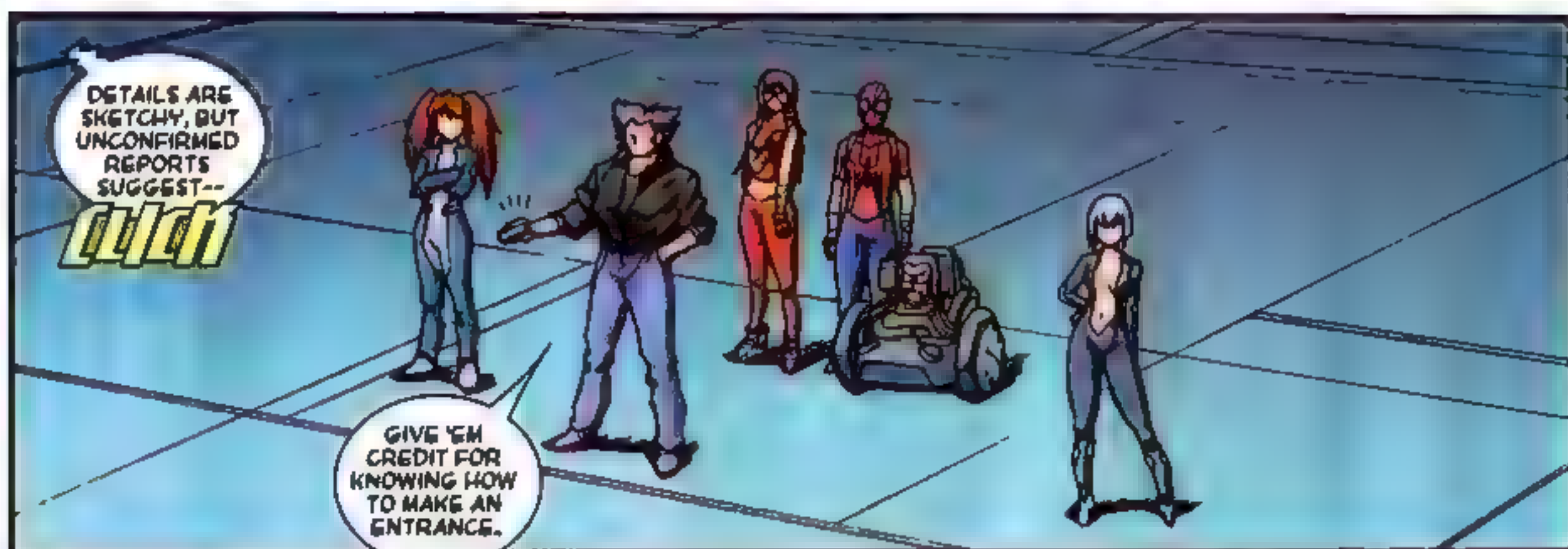




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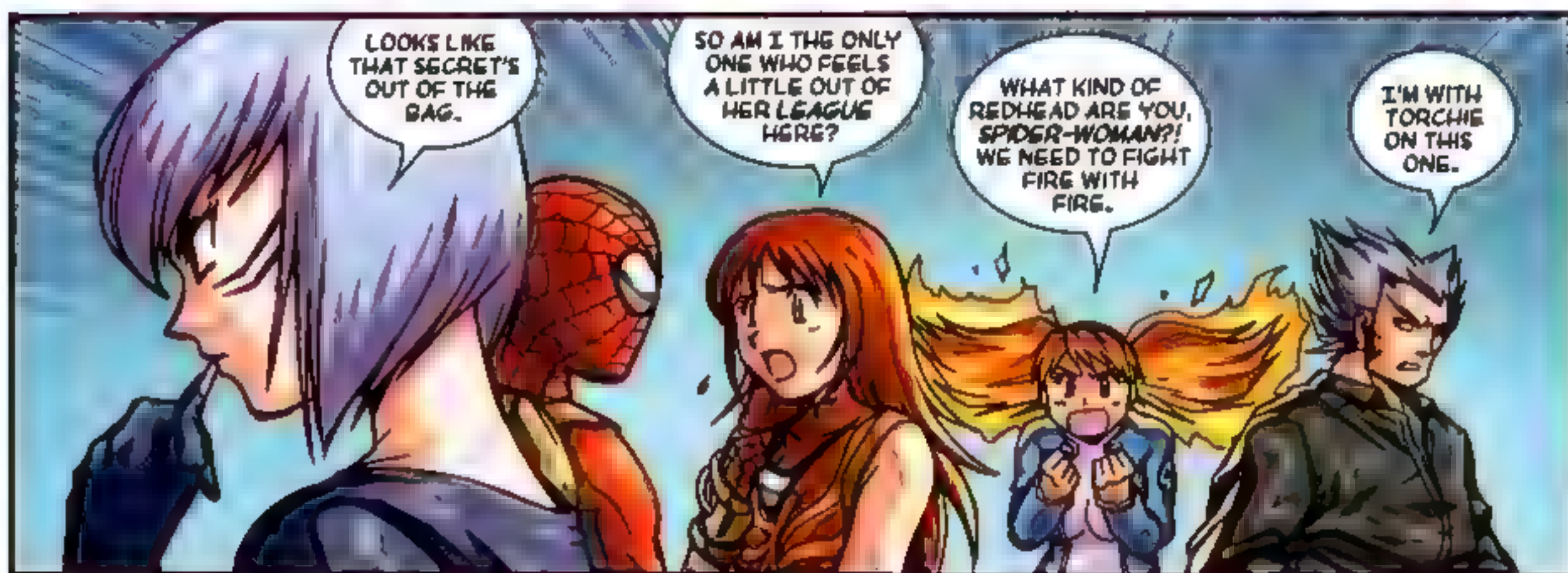
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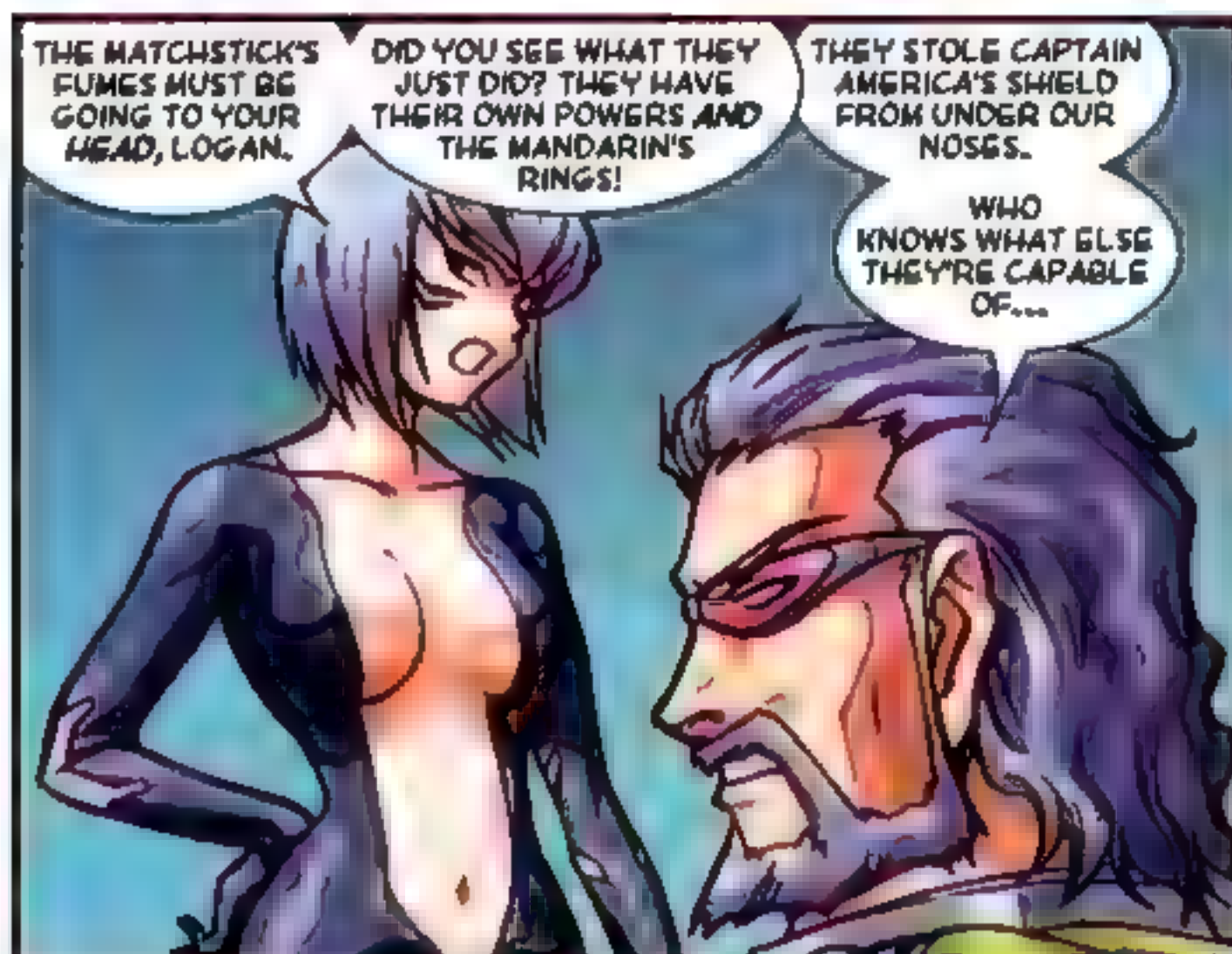


LOOKS LIKE THAT SECRET'S OUT OF THE BAG.

SO AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO FEELS A LITTLE OUT OF HER LEAGUE HERE?

WHAT KIND OF REDHEAD ARE YOU, SPIDER-WOMAN?! WE NEED TO FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE.

I'M WITH TORCHIE ON THIS ONE.



THE MATCHSTICK'S FUMES MUST BE GOING TO YOUR HEAD, LOGAN.

DID YOU SEE WHAT THEY JUST DID? THEY HAVE THEIR OWN POWERS AND THE MANDARIN'S RINGS!

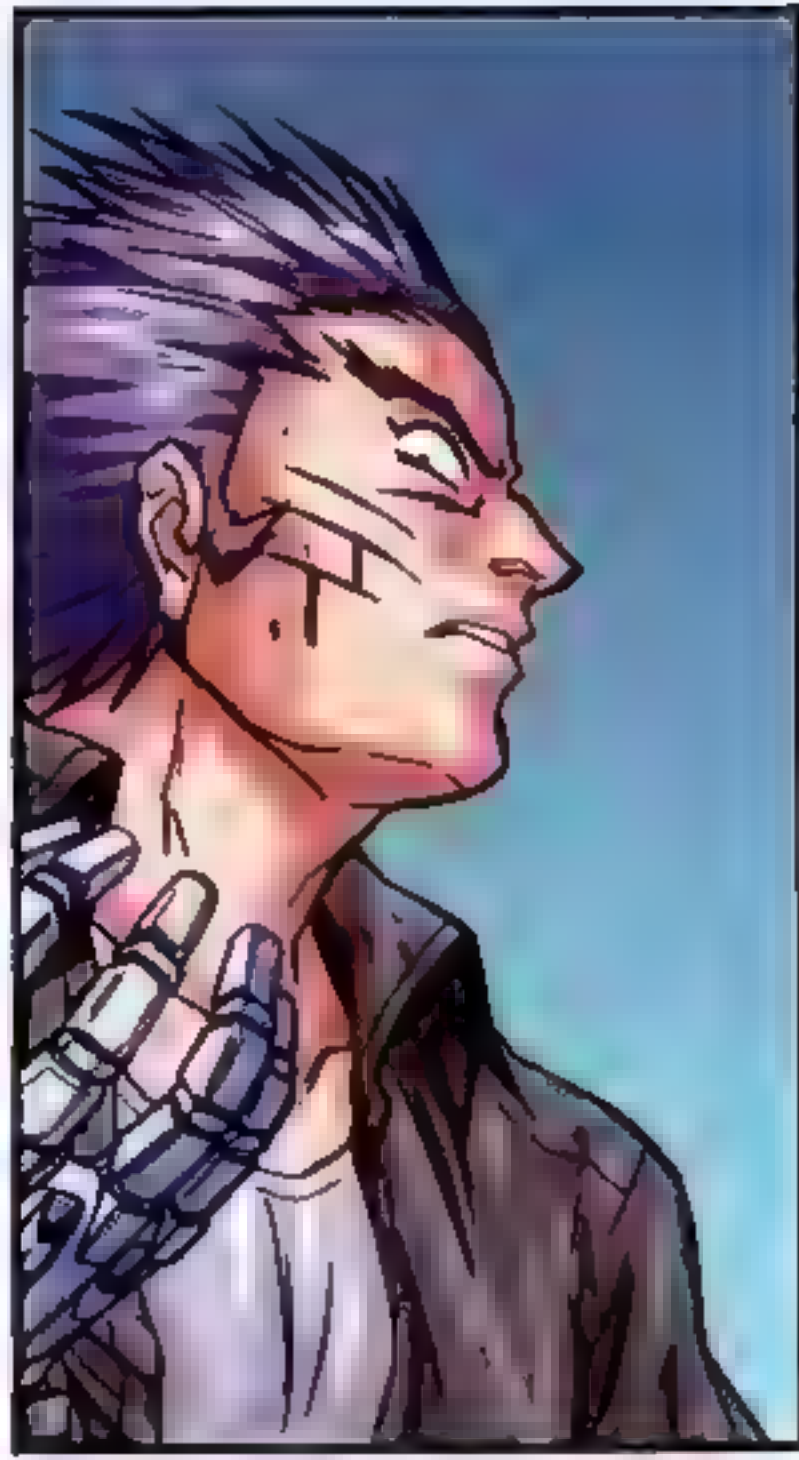
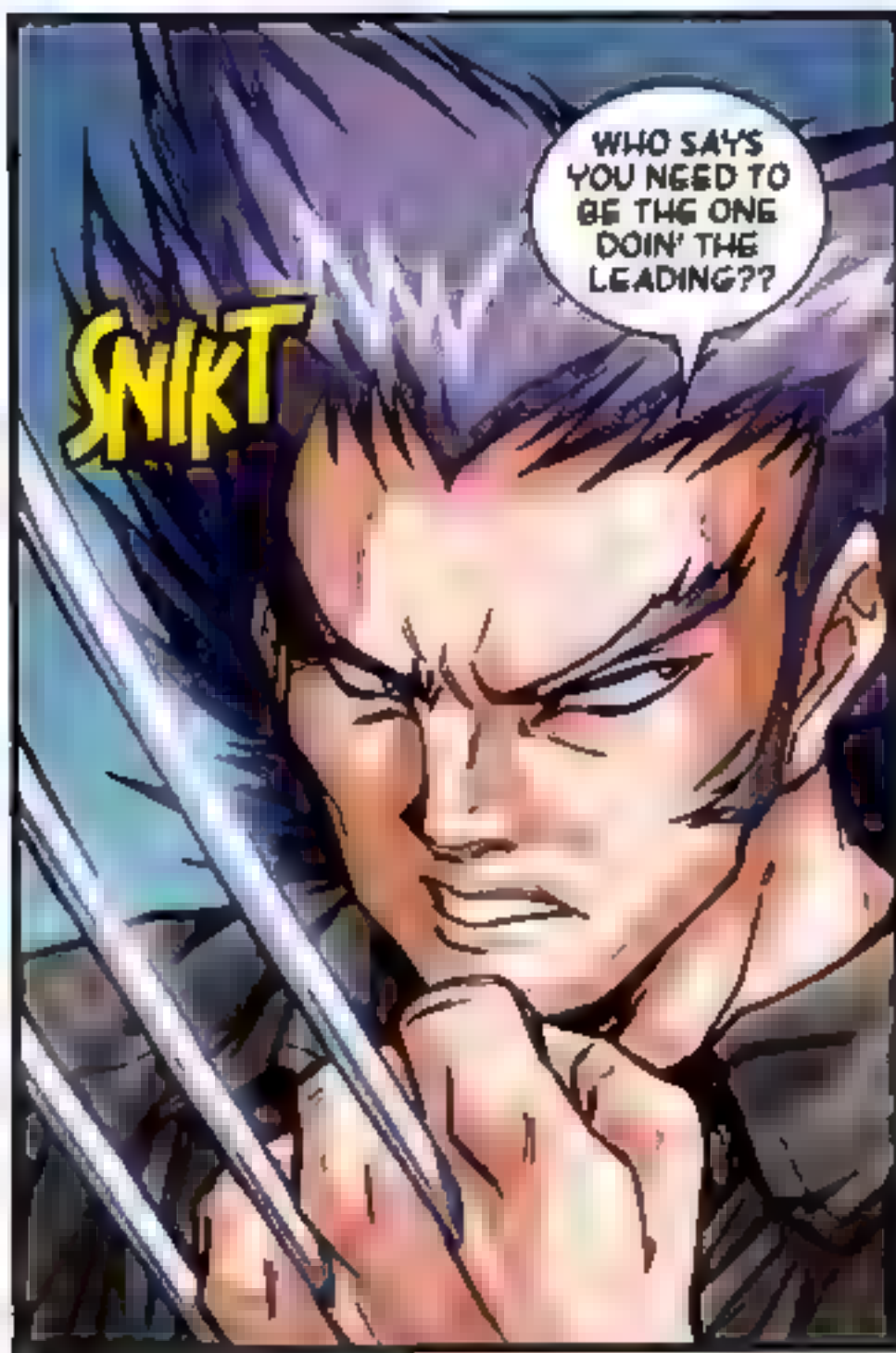
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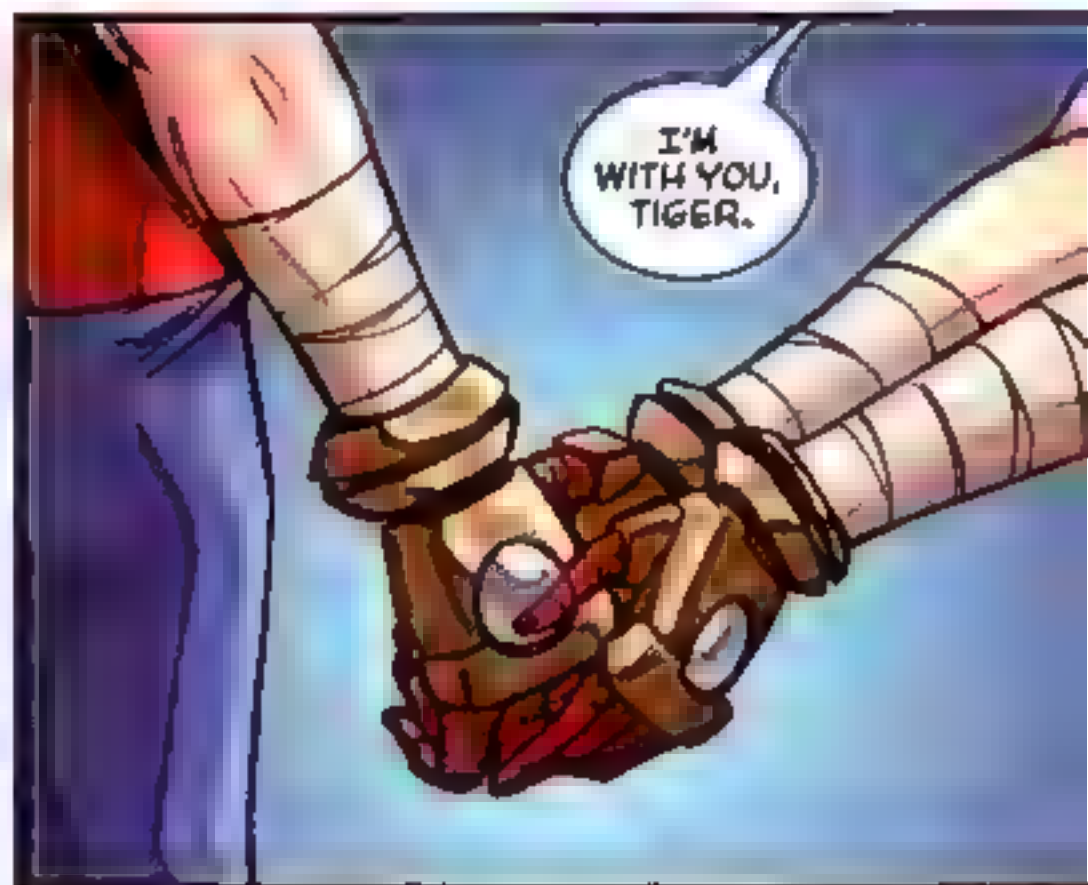
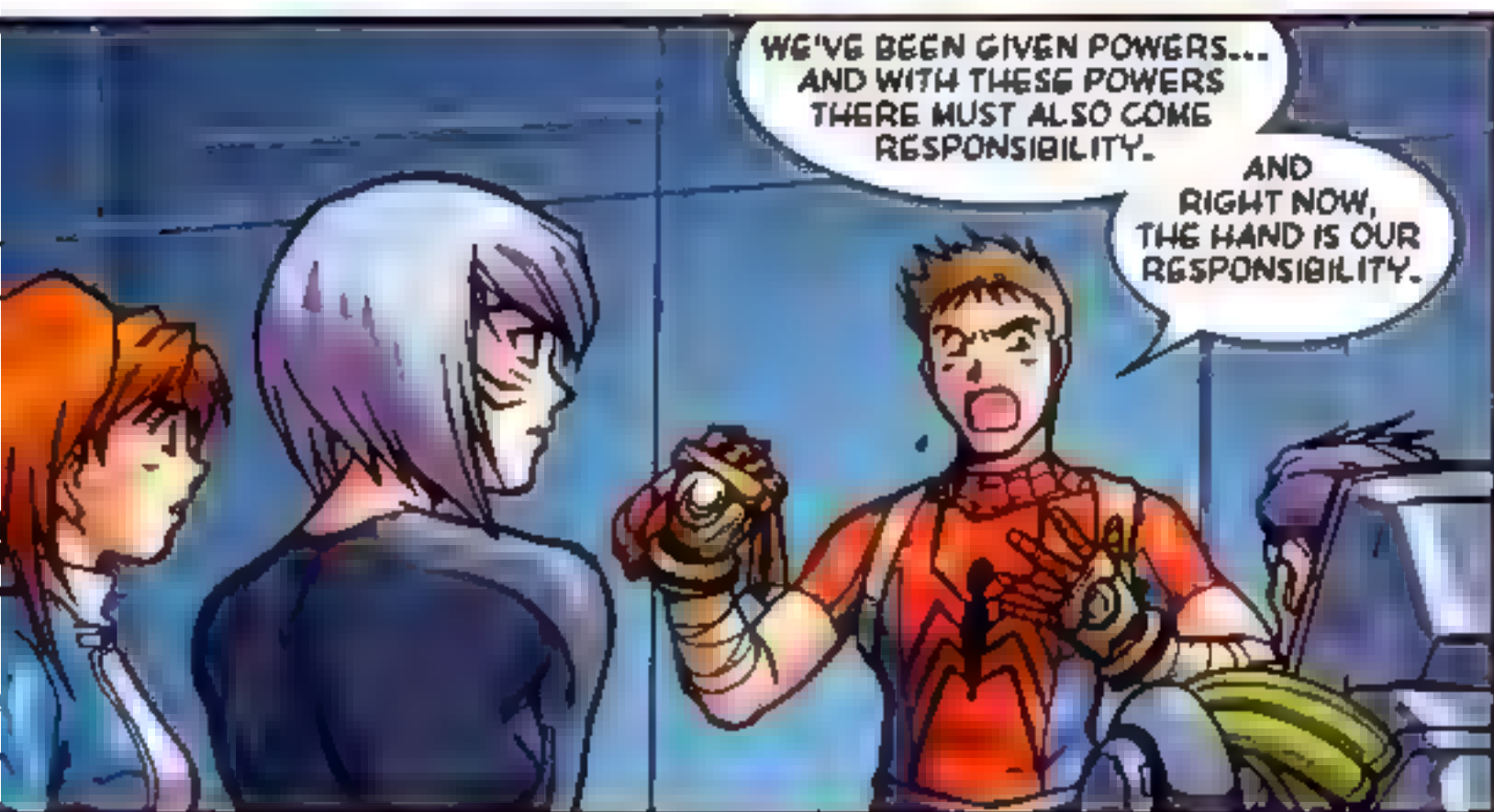
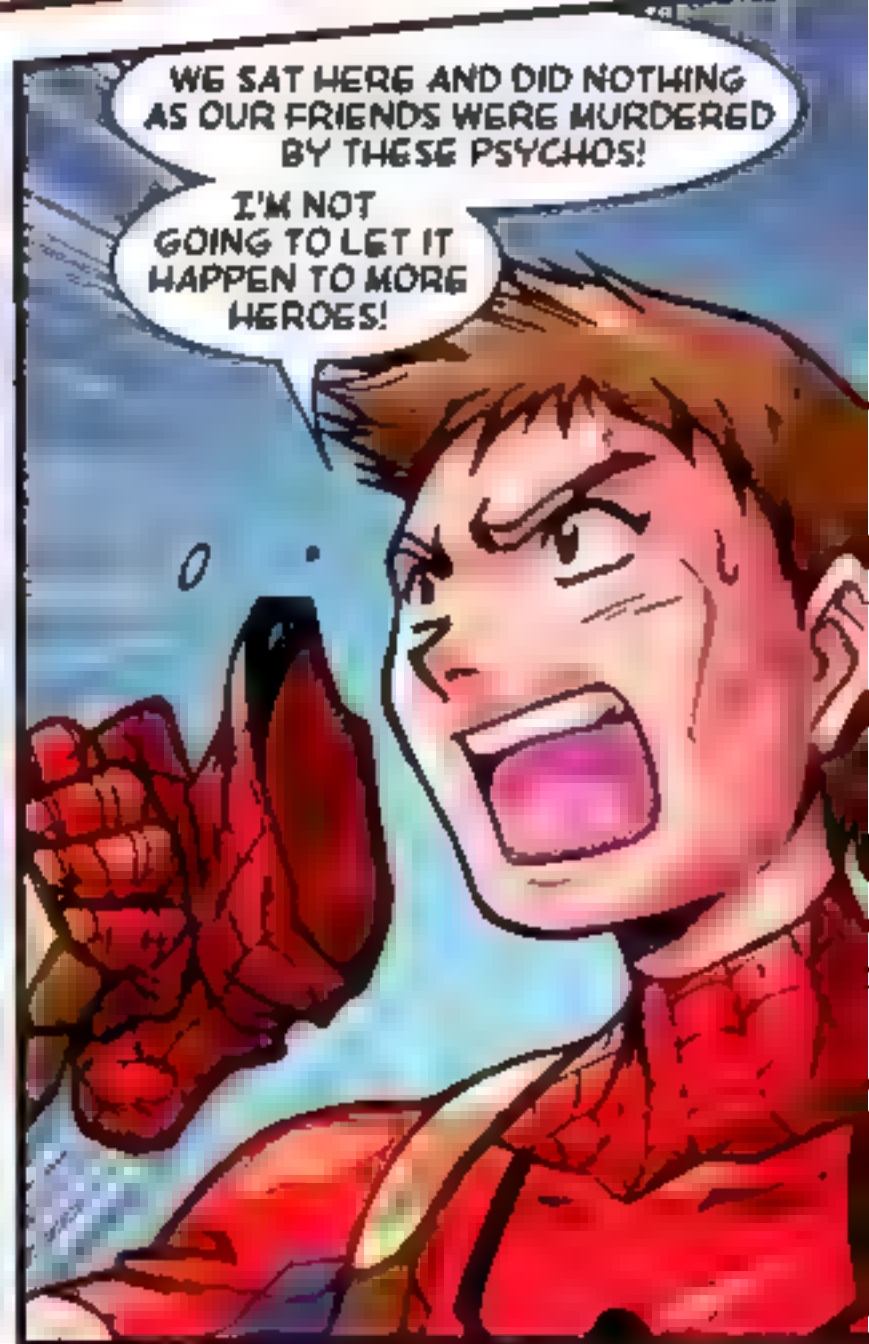
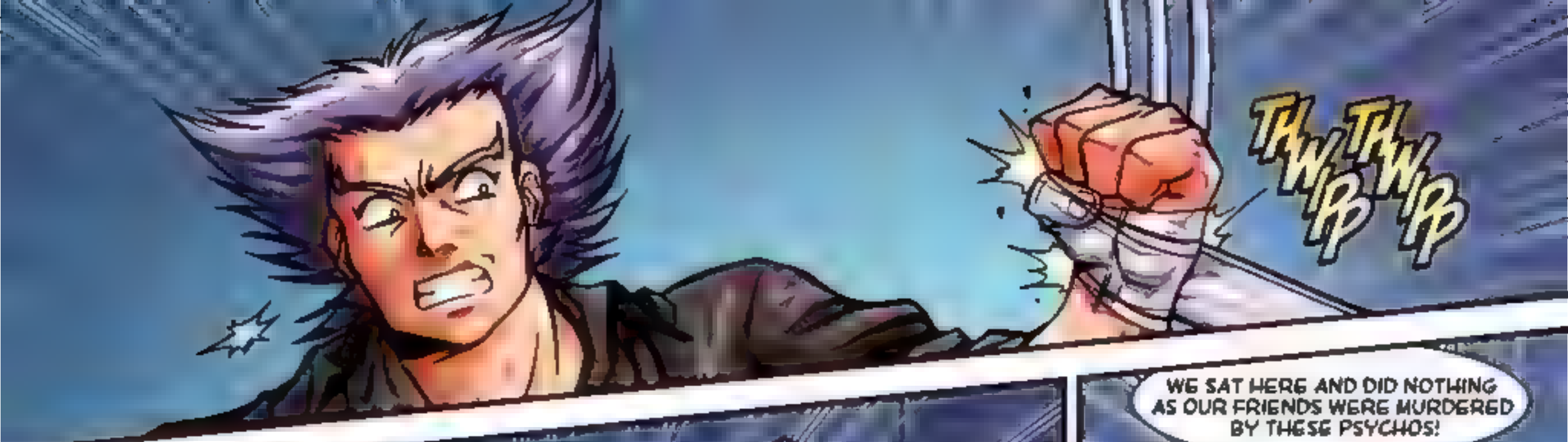
WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE THEY'RE CAPABLE OF...



AND THERE'S NO TELLING WHEN THEY'LL STRIKE AGAIN, STARK. WE HAVE TO END THIS NOW!

WE COULDN'T EVEN HANDLE THEIR FOOT SOLDIERS ON OUR OWN TURF. THERE'S NO WAY I'M LEADING THIS TEAM ON SOME SUICIDE MISSION JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT A VENDETTA!





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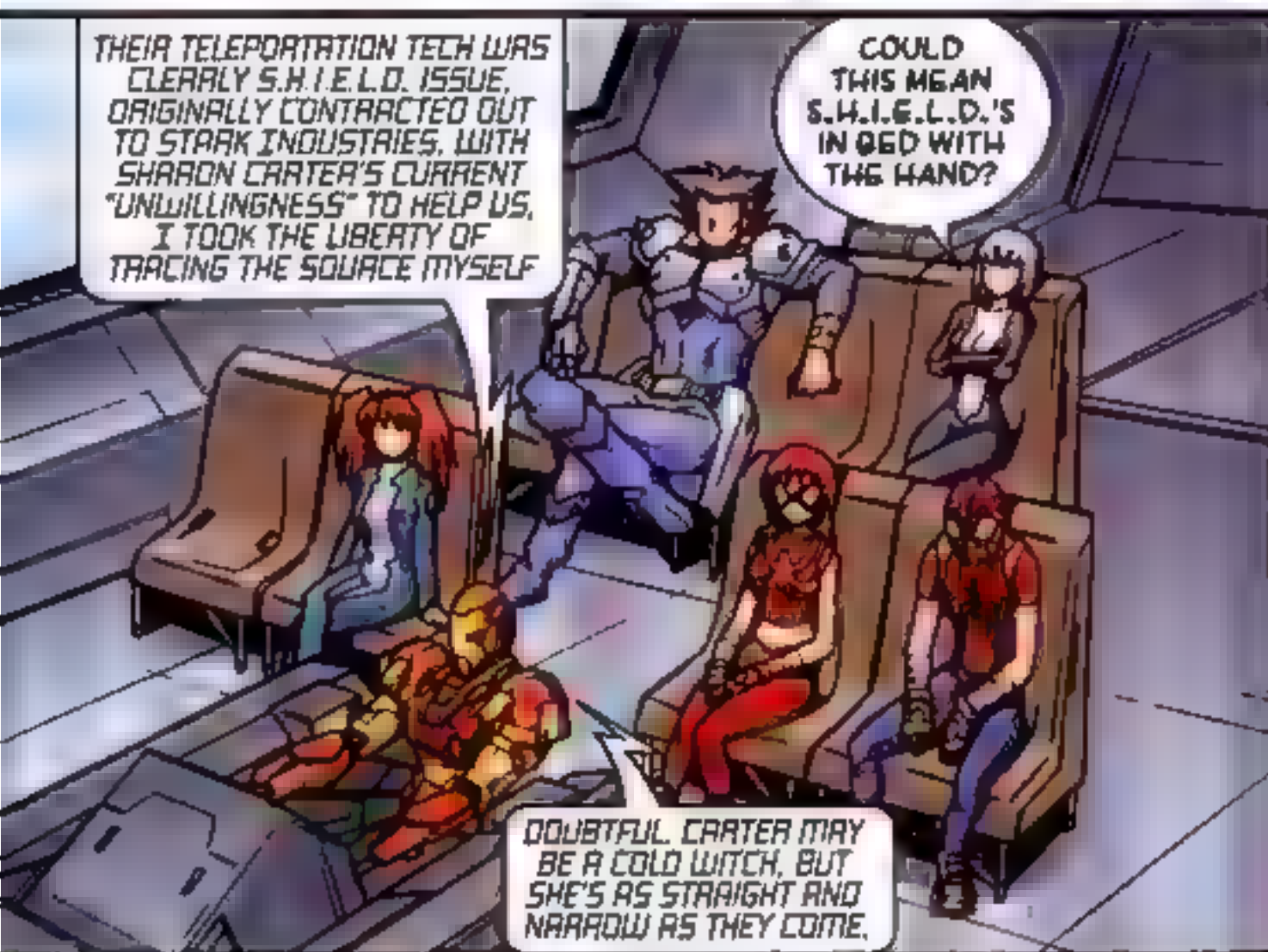
YOU SURE THIS IS GONNA WORK, STARK?



THEIR TELEPORTATION TECH WAS CLEARLY S.H.I.E.L.D. ISSUE, ORIGINALLY CONTRACTED OUT TO STARK INDUSTRIES, WITH SHARON CARTER'S CURRENT "UNWILLINGNESS" TO HELP US, I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF TRACING THE SOURCE MYSELF

COULD THIS MEAN S.H.I.E.L.D.'S IN BED WITH THE HAND?

DOUBTFUL CARTER MAY BE A COLD WITCH, BUT SHE'S AS STRAIGHT AND NARROW AS THEY COME.



SO WHEN WERE YOU PLANNING ON TELLING ME YOU COULD SHOOT WEBS OUT OF YOUR WRISTS, PETER?

I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU IF I'D KNOWN ABOUT THEM, MJ. I'M AS FREAKED OUT AS ANYONE BY THIS.

I THOUGHT THEY WERE CONNECTED TO VENOM AND THAT CREEPY BLACK COSTUME I USED TO HAVE. I'VE GOT NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON WITH MY BODY HERE.



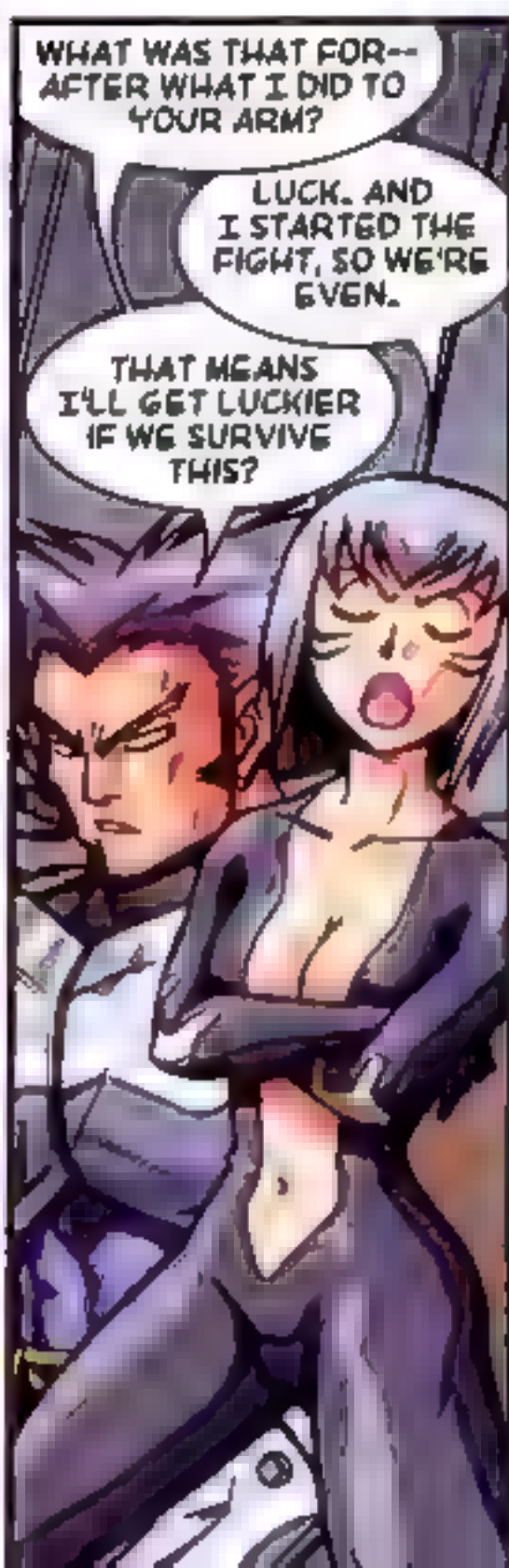
DON'T YOU WORRY, WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT TOGETHER WHEN ALL THIS IS OVER.



WHAT WAS THAT FOR-- AFTER WHAT I DID TO YOUR ARM?

LUCK. AND I STARTED THE FIGHT, SO WE'RE EVEN.

THAT MEANS I'LL GET LUCKIER IF WE SURVIVE THIS?



THAT'S A BIG "IF", COWBOY.

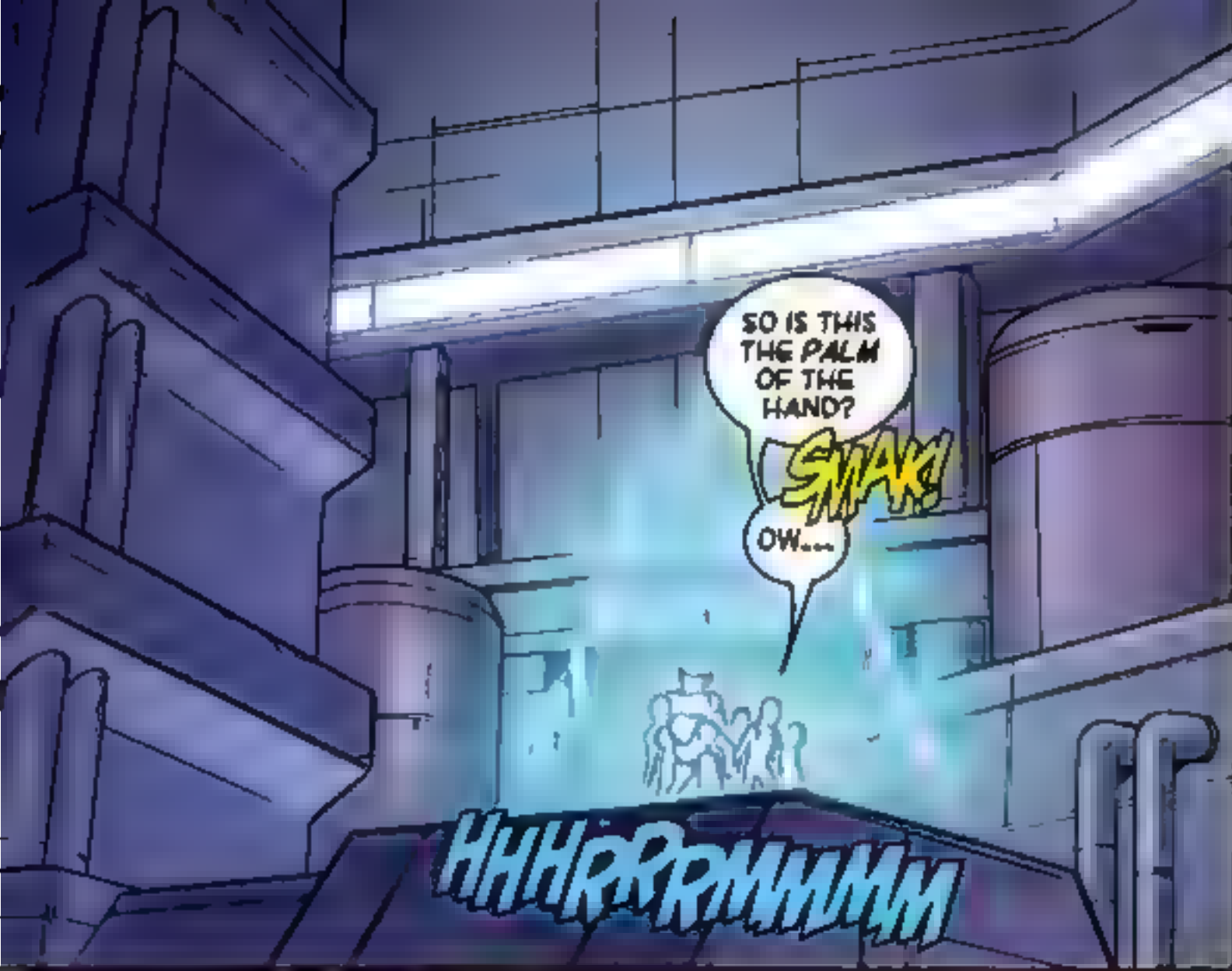
THAT'S WHAT ALL THE GIRLS TELL ME.



OKAY, WE'RE LOCKED AND READY TO GO, GROUP!

HOW COME I GET LEFT WITH THE ROBOT TO KISS?





SO IS THIS
THE PALM
OF THE
HAND?

SNACK!

OW...

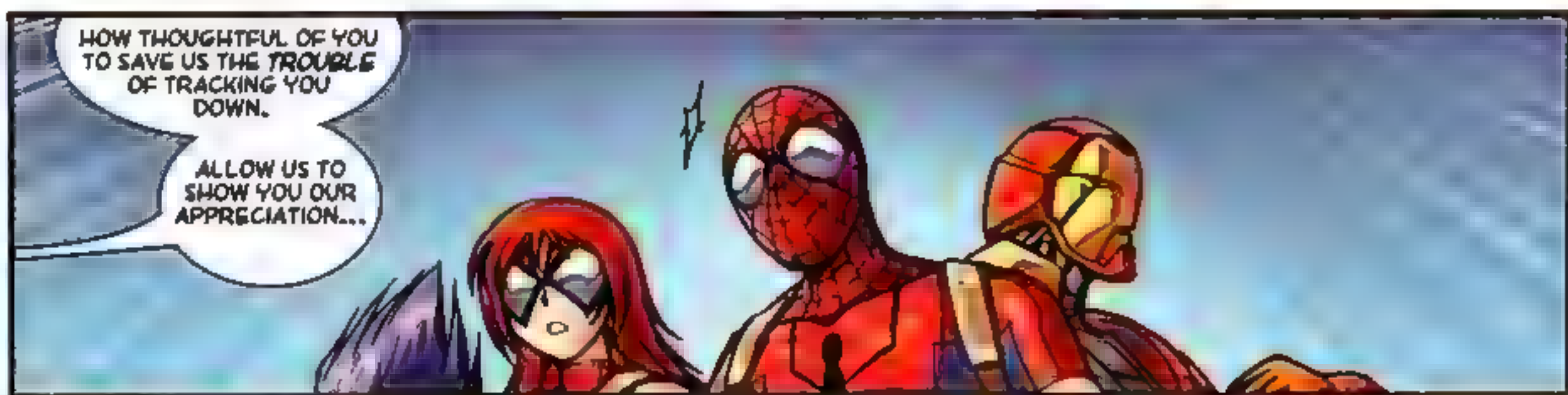


...HEY--IF
YOU WERE ABLE
TO TRACK THEIR
SIGNAL, COULD THEY
DETECT OUR SIGNAL
COMING IN?

POSSIBLY

YOU DIDN'T
THINK OF THAT
BEFORE?

WHY DO YOU
THINK I WORE
ARMOR?



HOW THOUGHTFUL OF YOU
TO SAVE US THE TROUBLE
OF TRACKING YOU
DOWN.

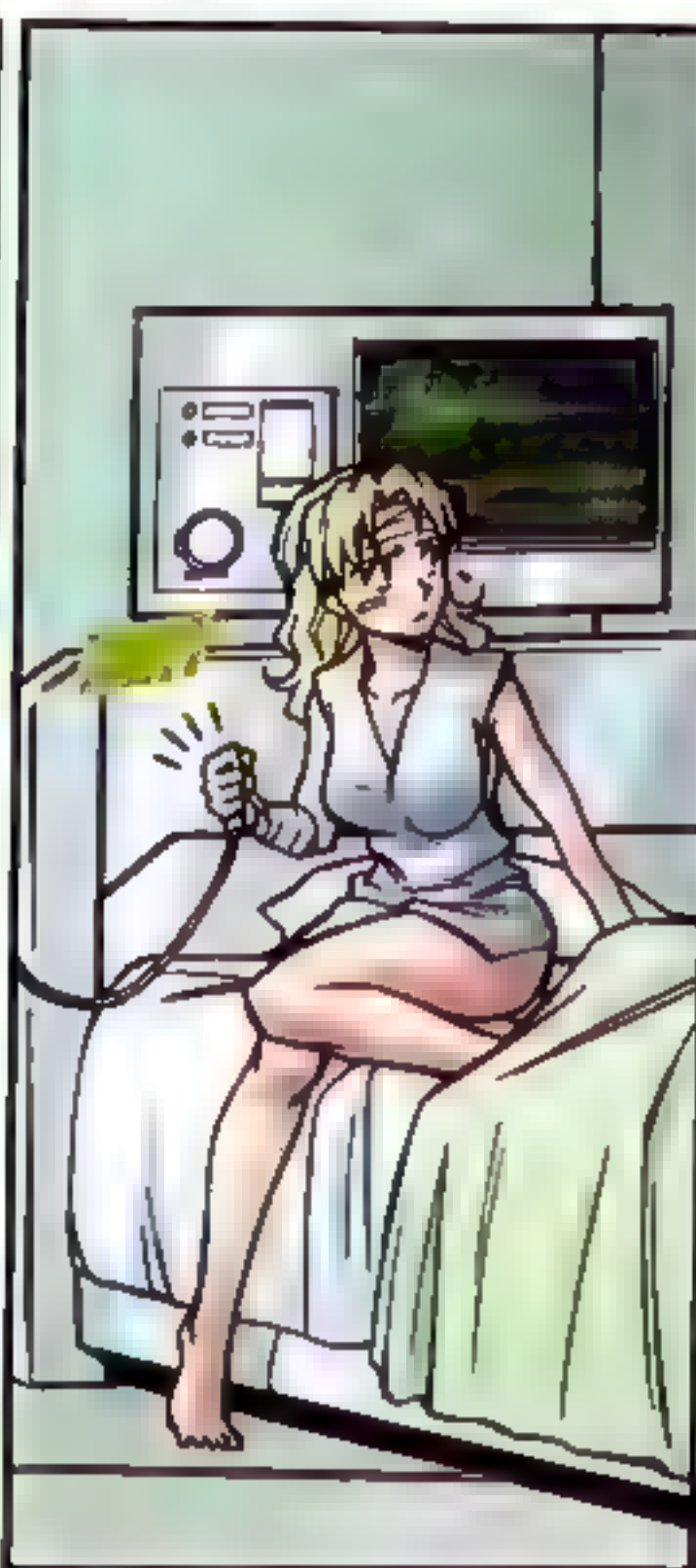
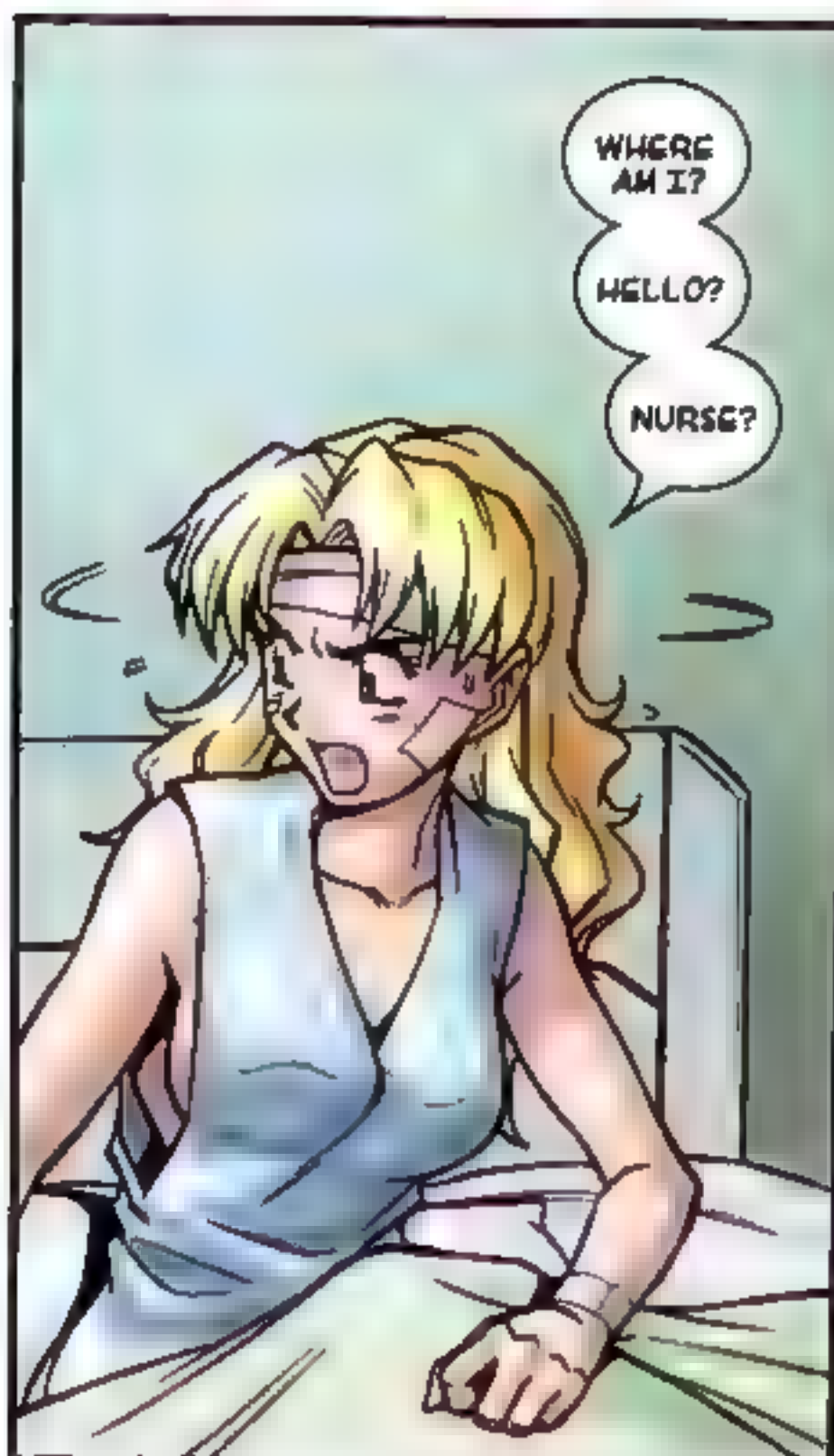
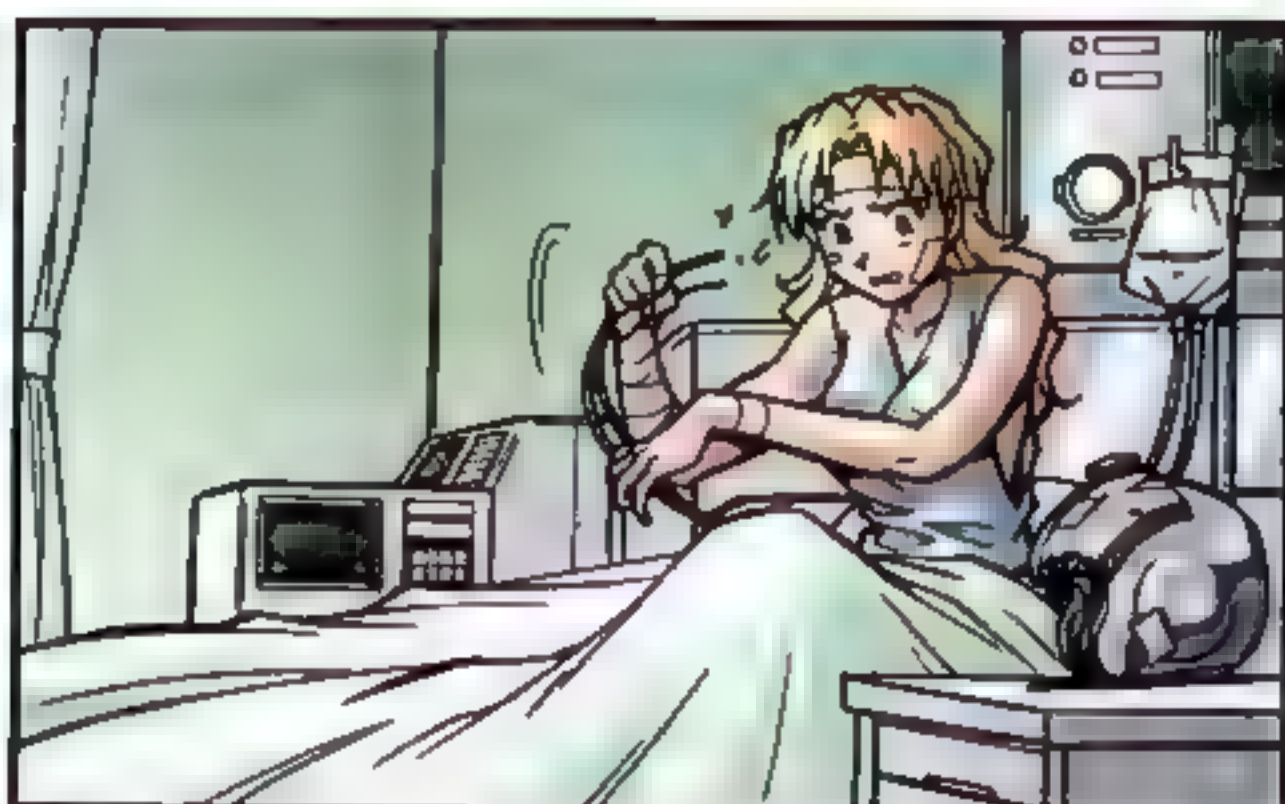
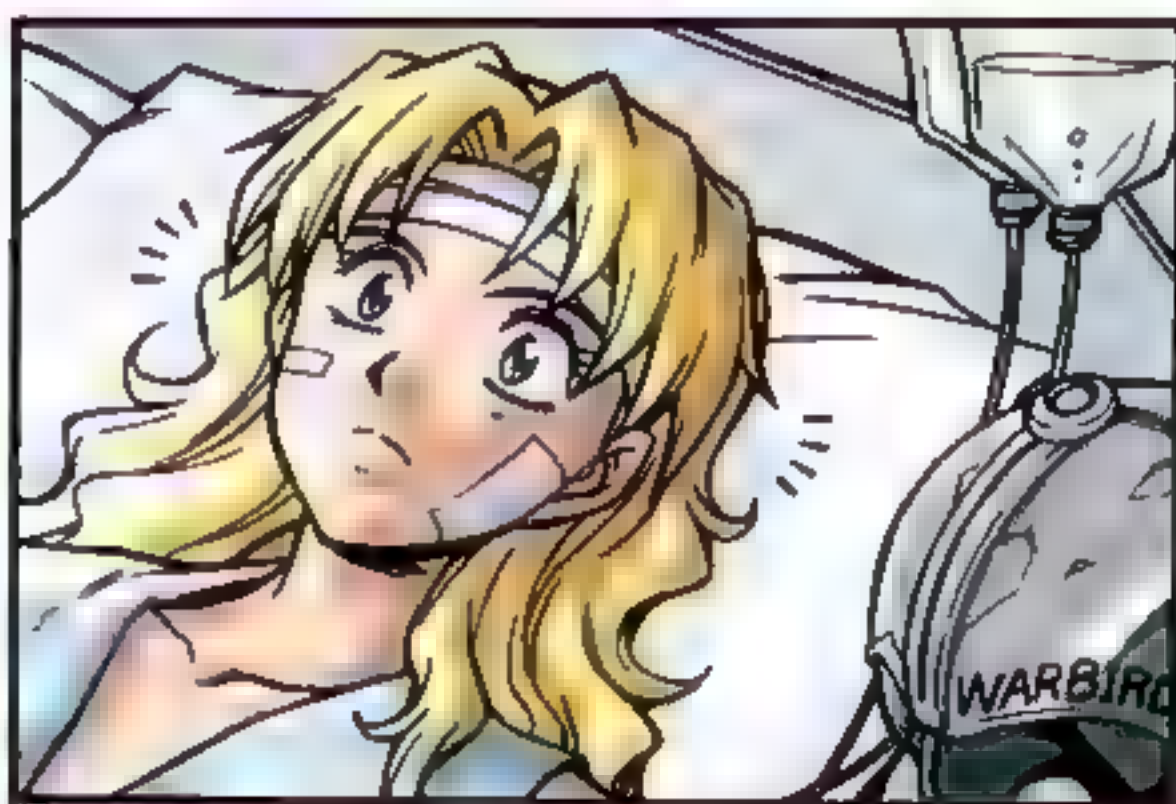
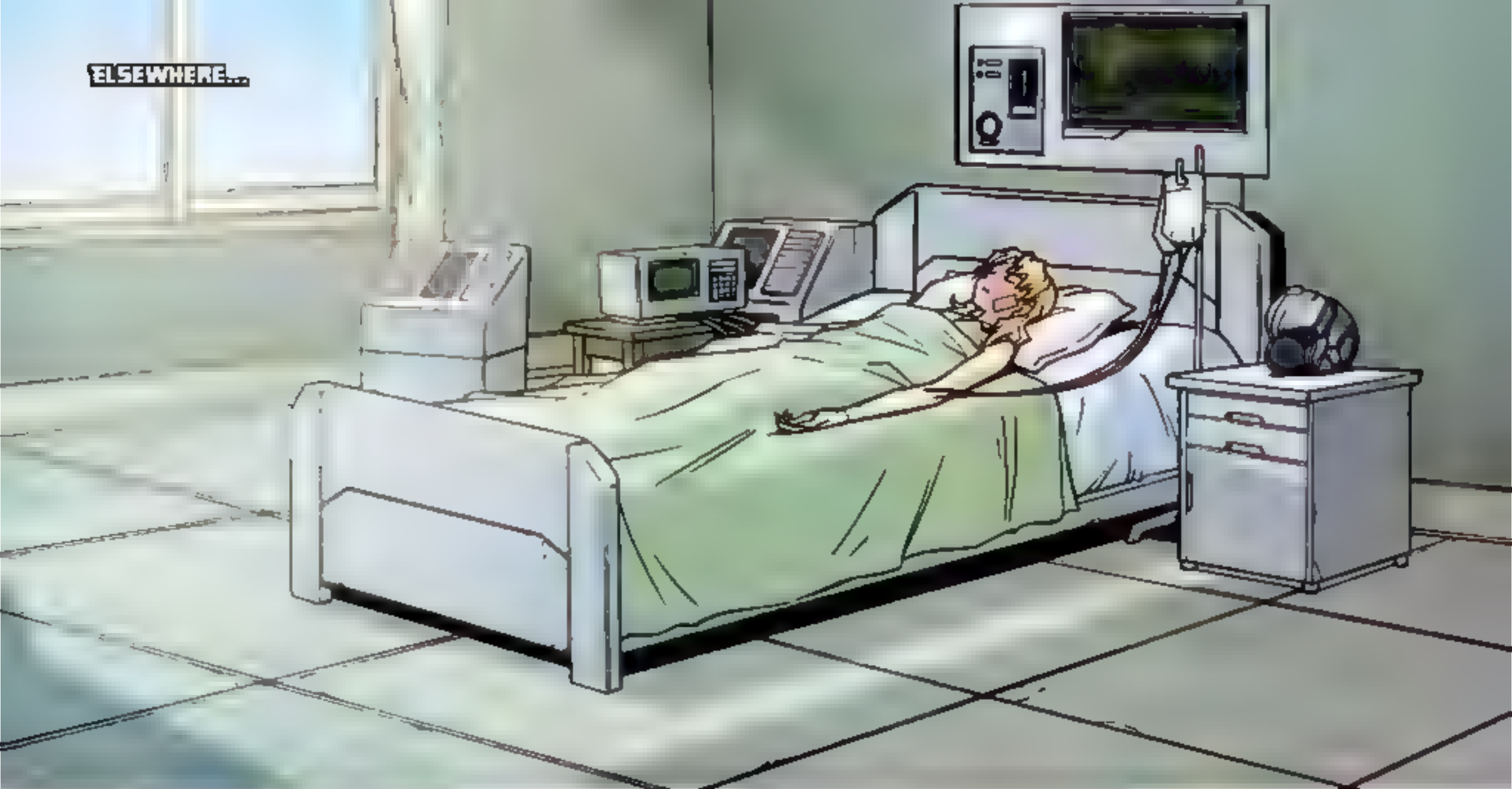
ALLOW US TO
SHOW YOU OUR
APPRECIATION...

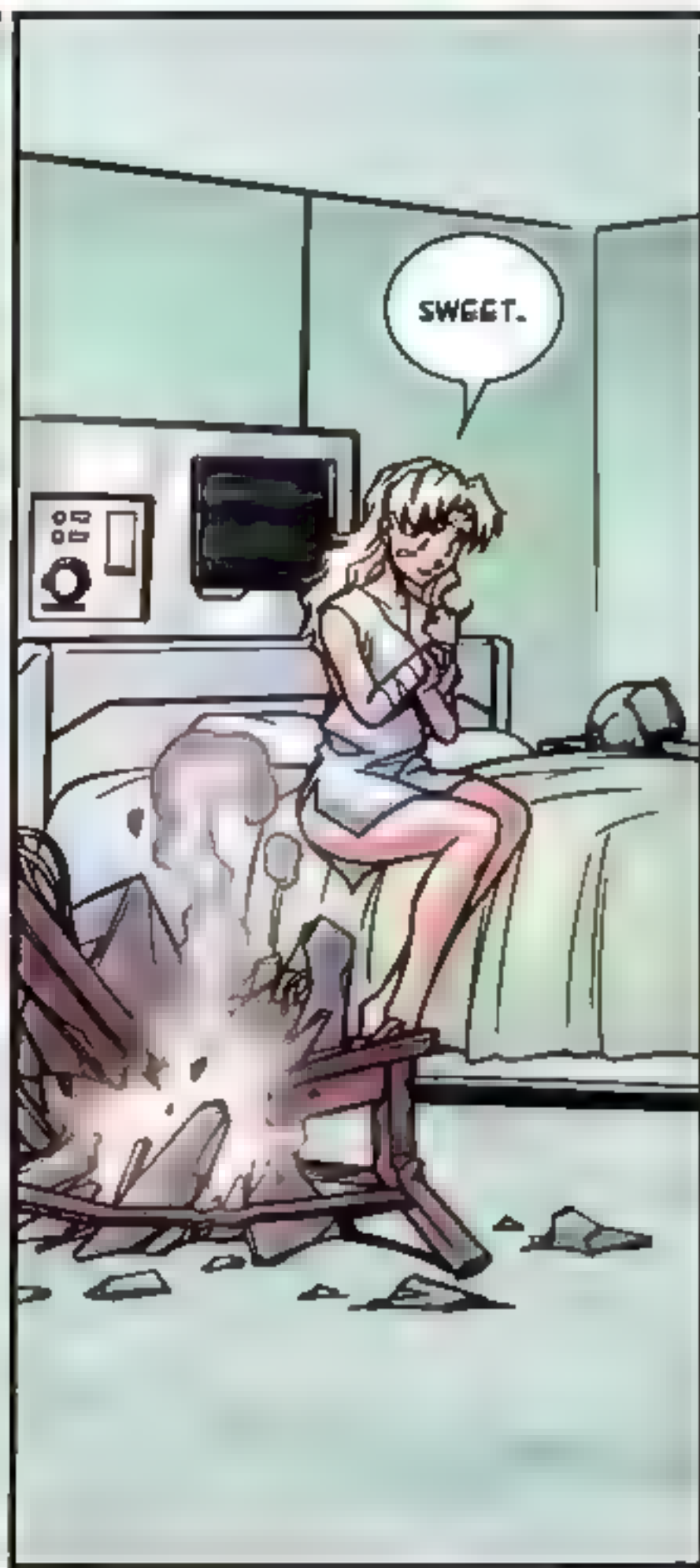
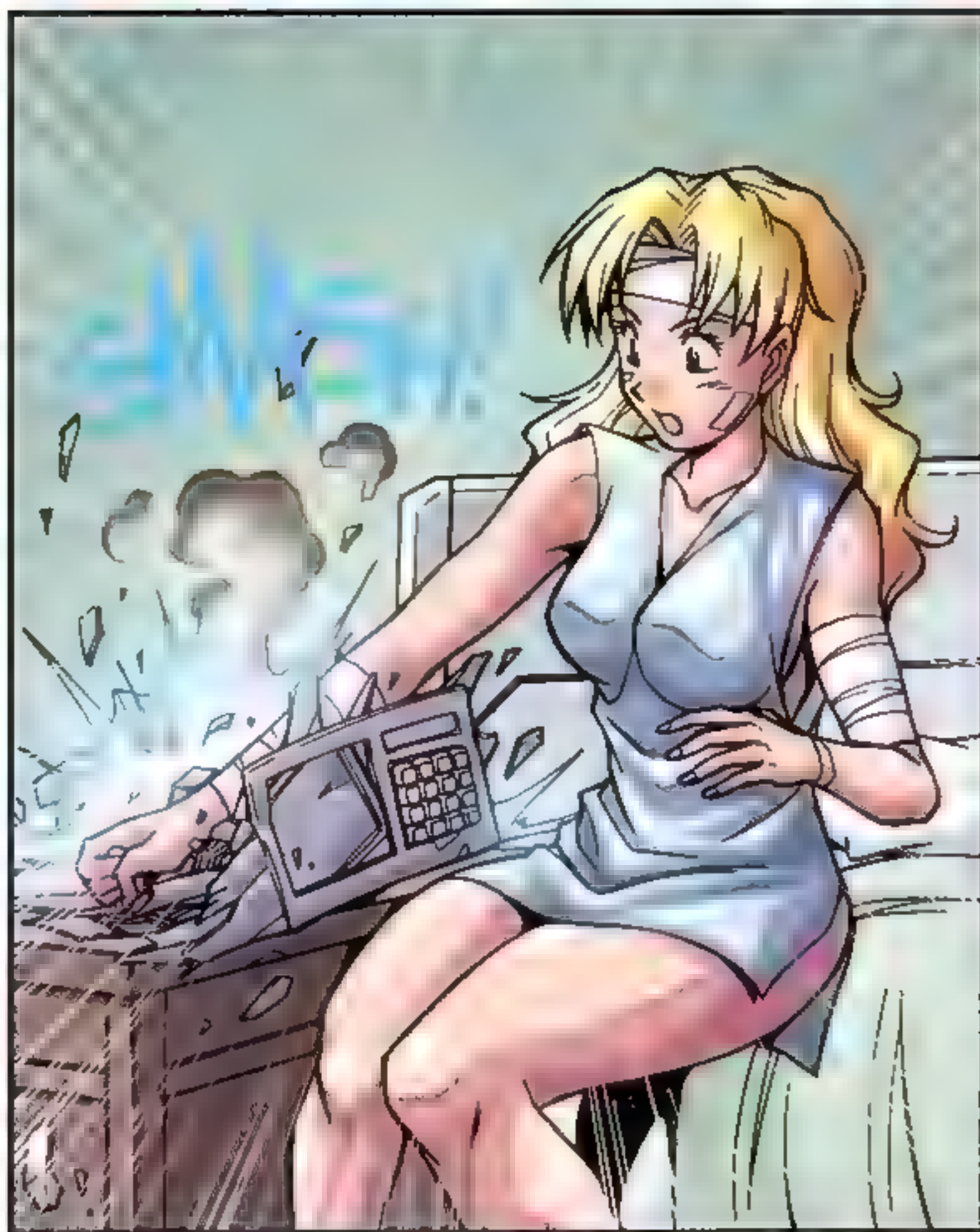
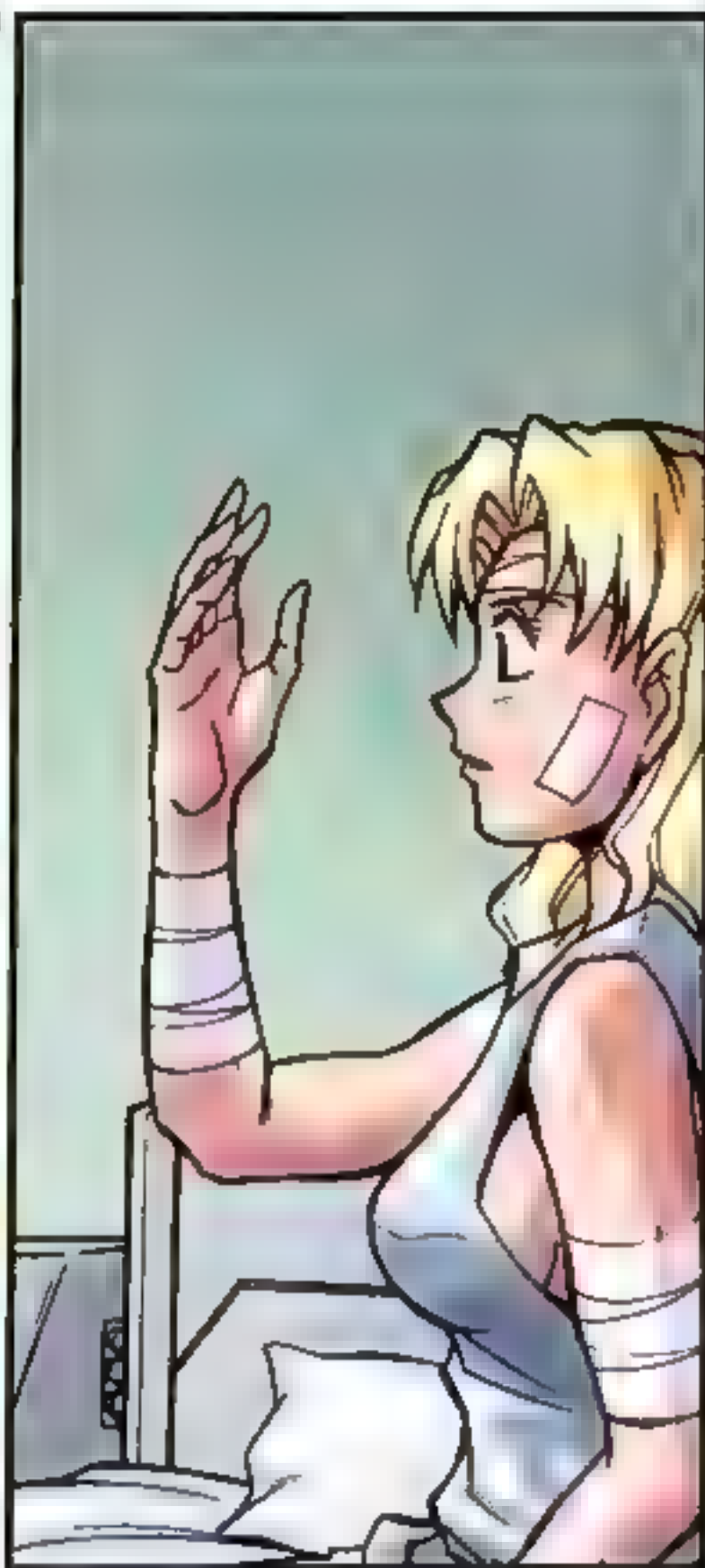
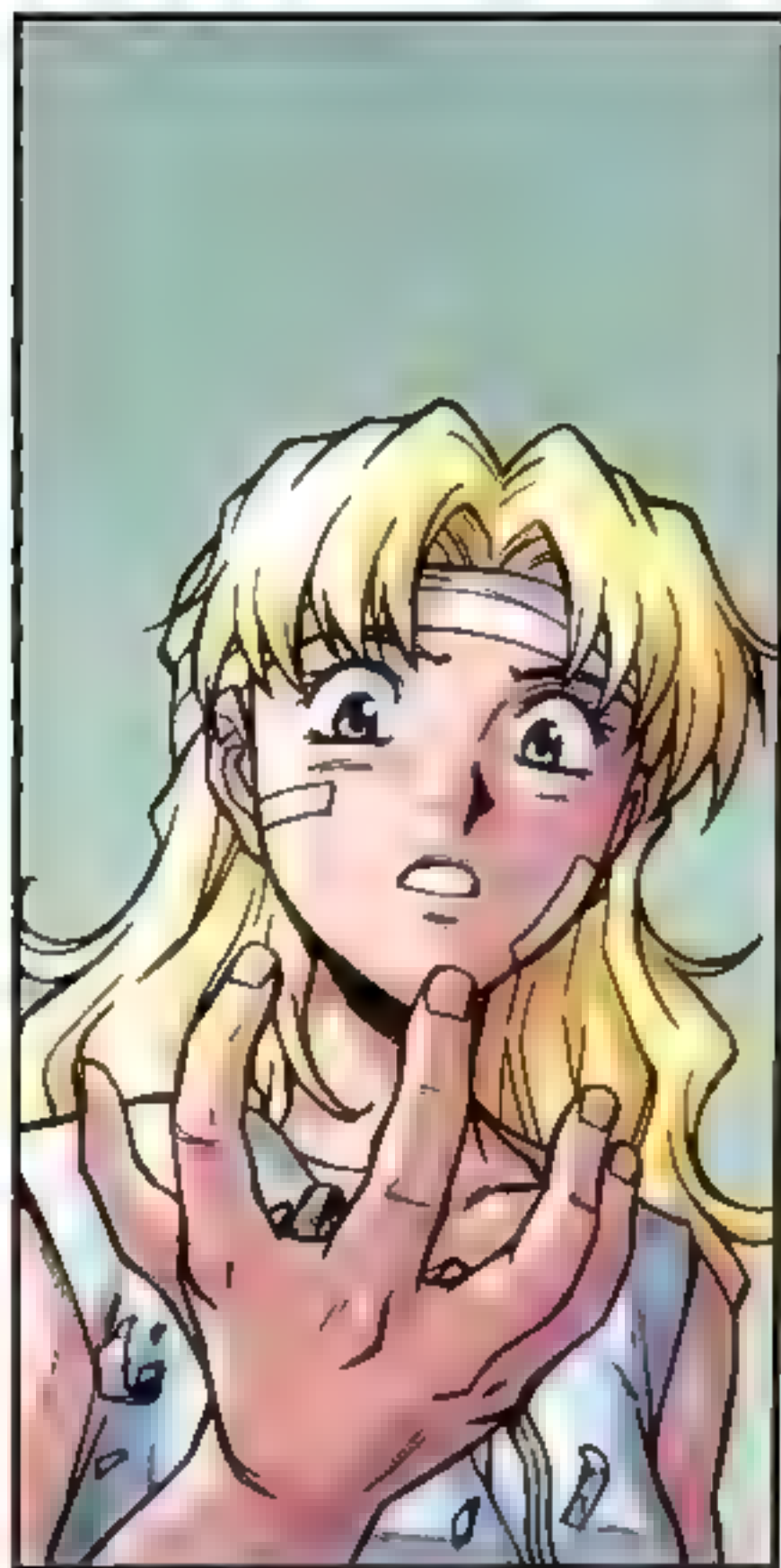


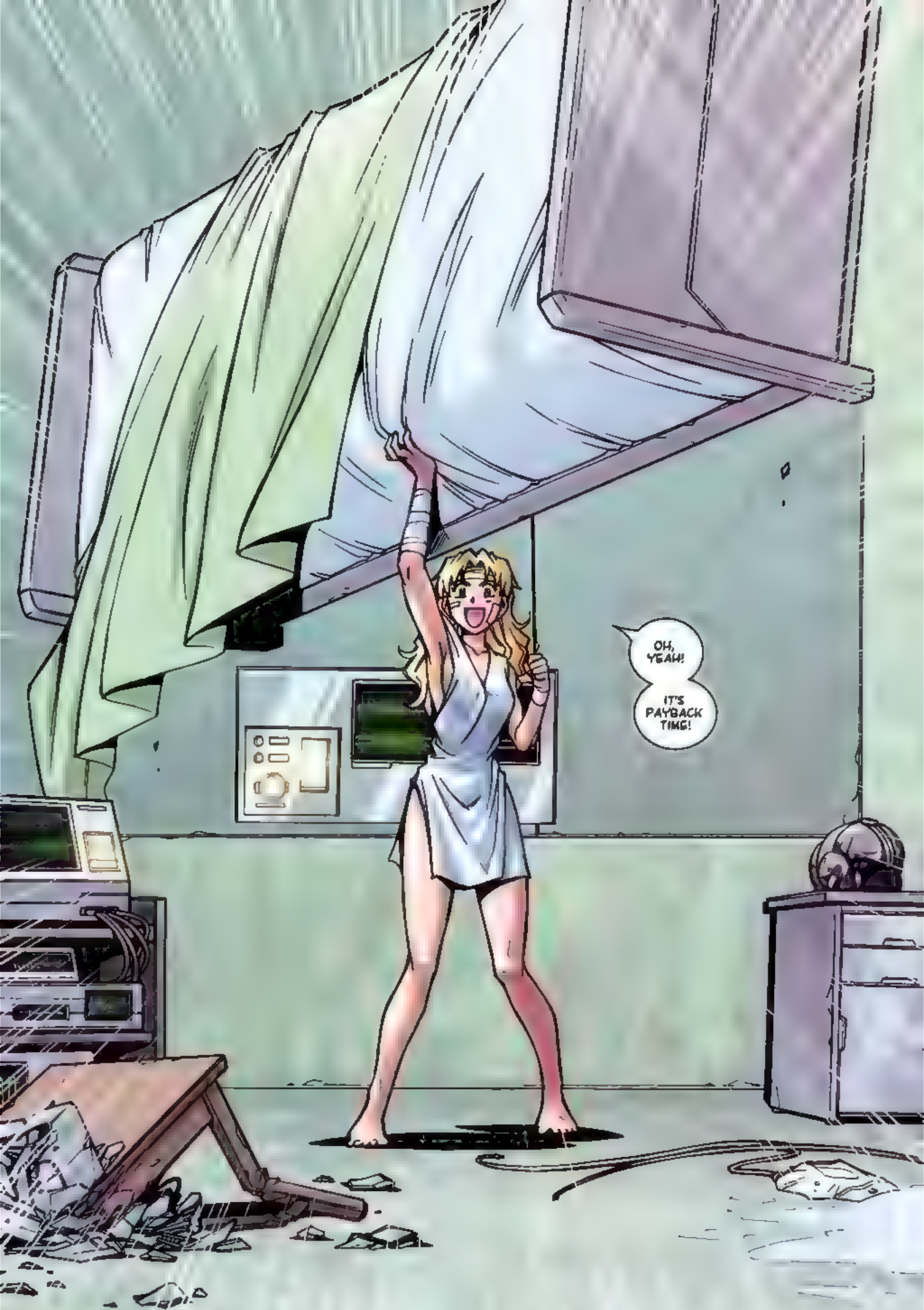
...BY
KILLING YOU
QUICKLY!



ELSEWHERE...







OH,
YEAH!

IT'S
PAYBACK
TIME!

TO BE CONTINUED...

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THE PRESSURE TO FIT IN, LOOK PERFECT, GET HIGH,
TO BE ACCEPTED—IF YOU LET IT PUSH ON YOU TOO
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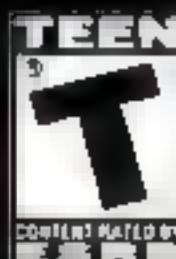
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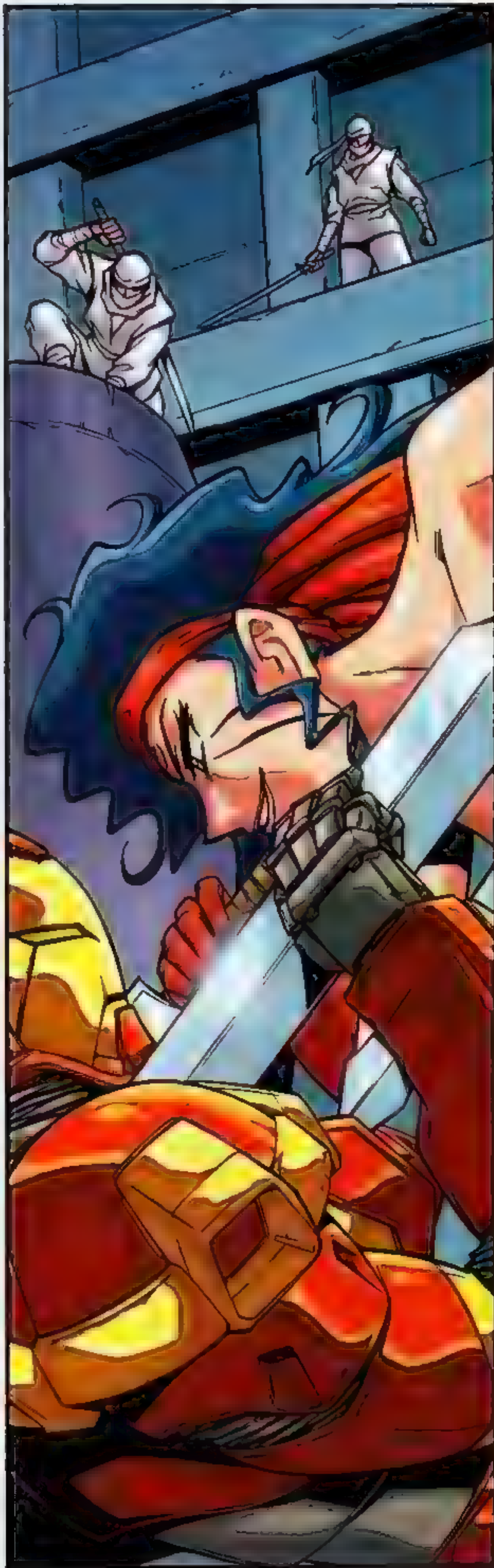
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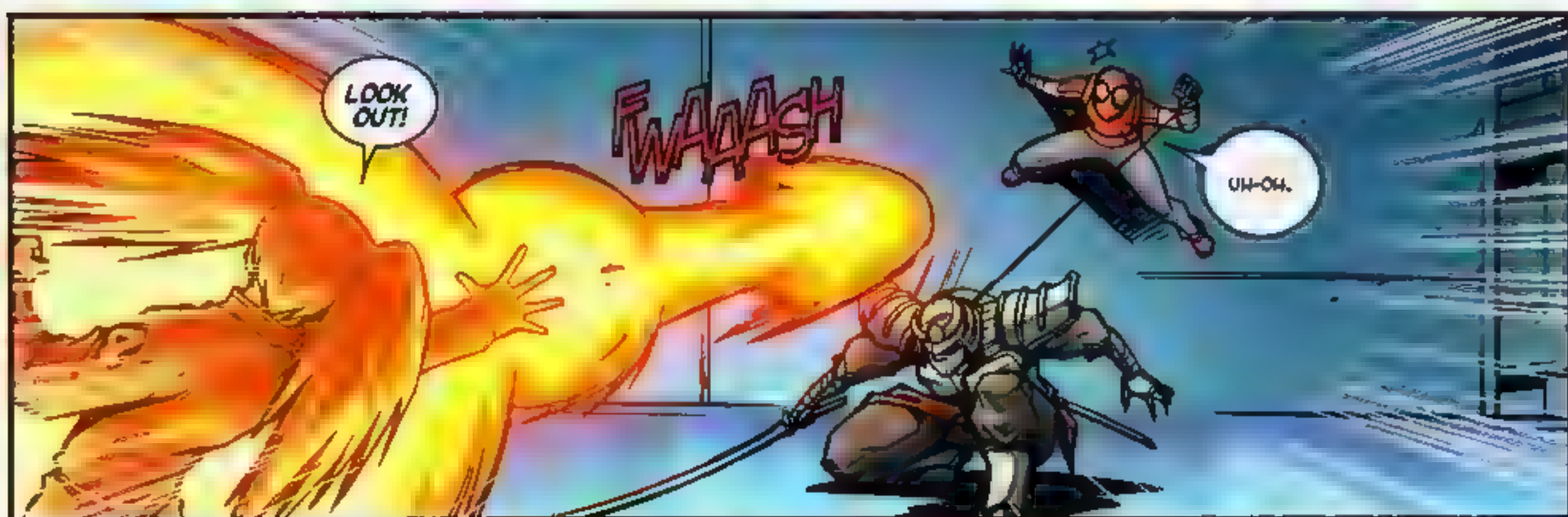
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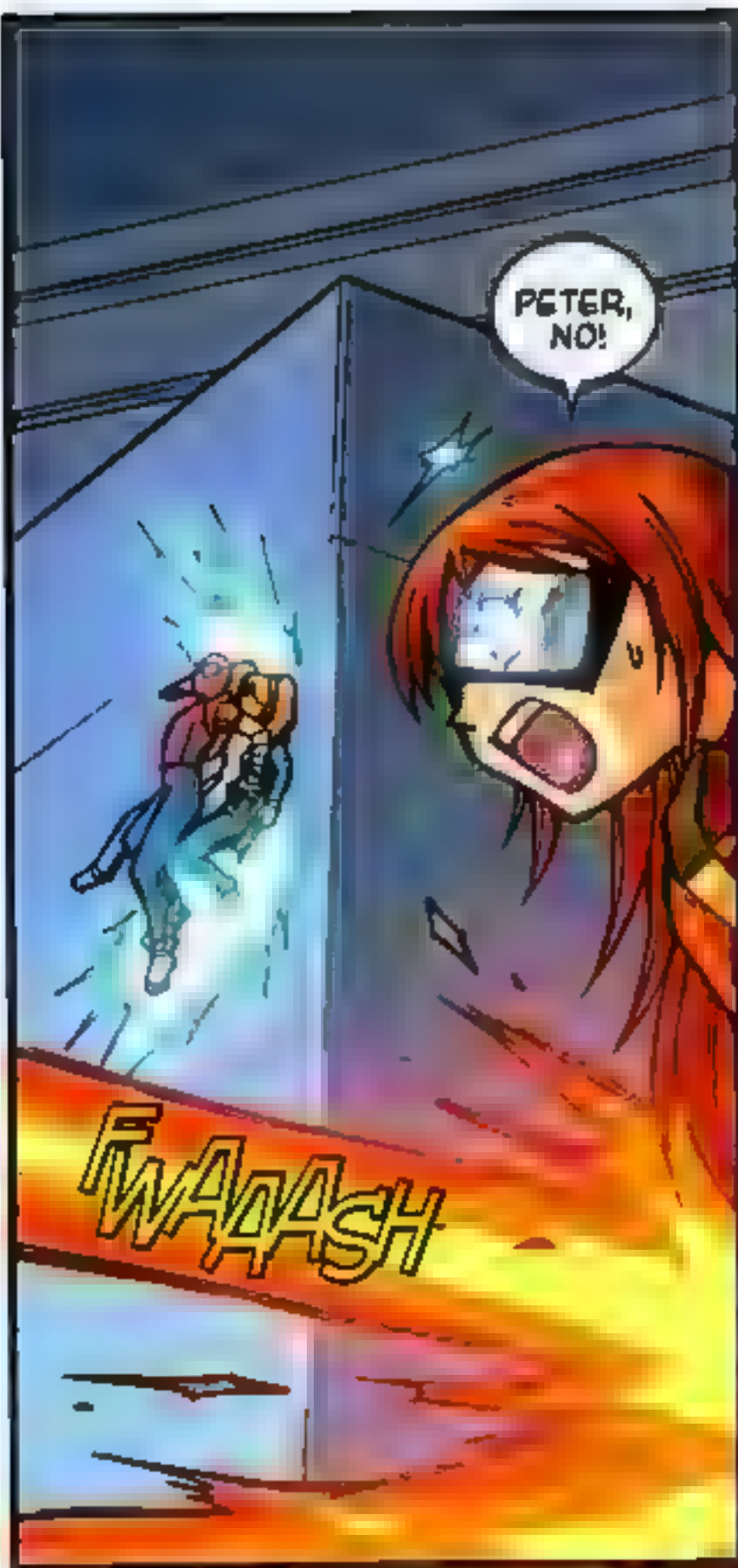
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PETER,
NO!

FWAASH



NOVICE!!
SPIDER-CLAN
NINJA NEVER
LOSE THEIR FOCUS
IN BATTLE! BUT
NO MATTER--IN
THE END...



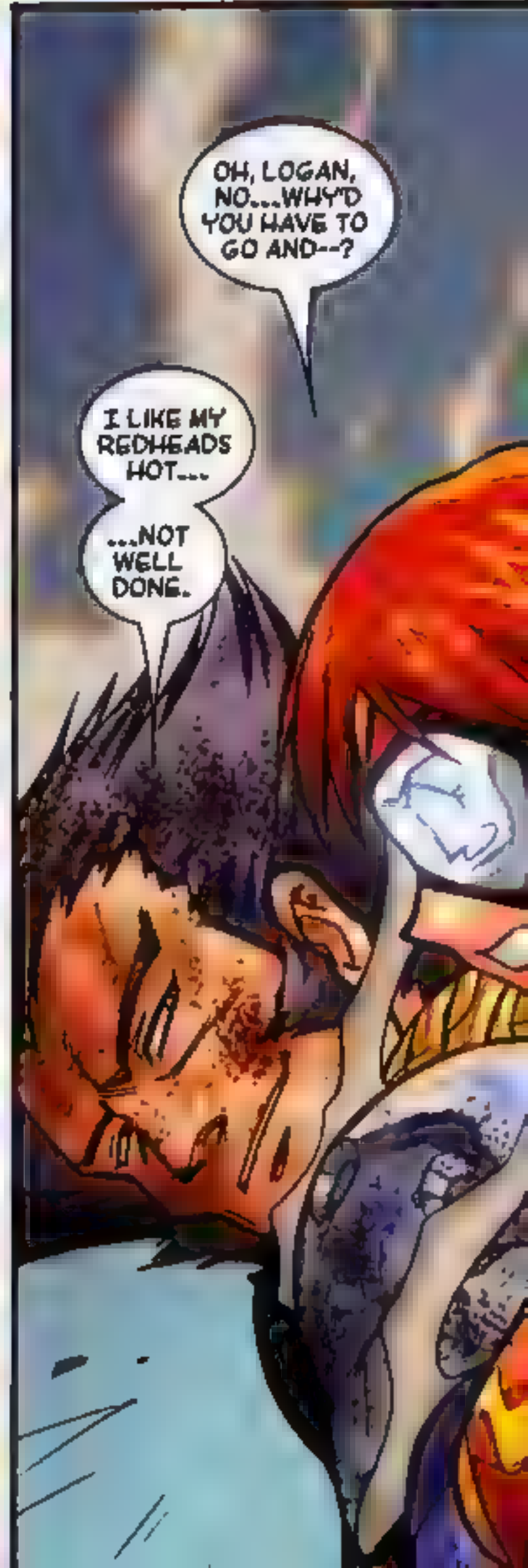
...YOU
ALL
BURN!!

OUTTA
THE WAY,
KIDDO.

FWNWOOM



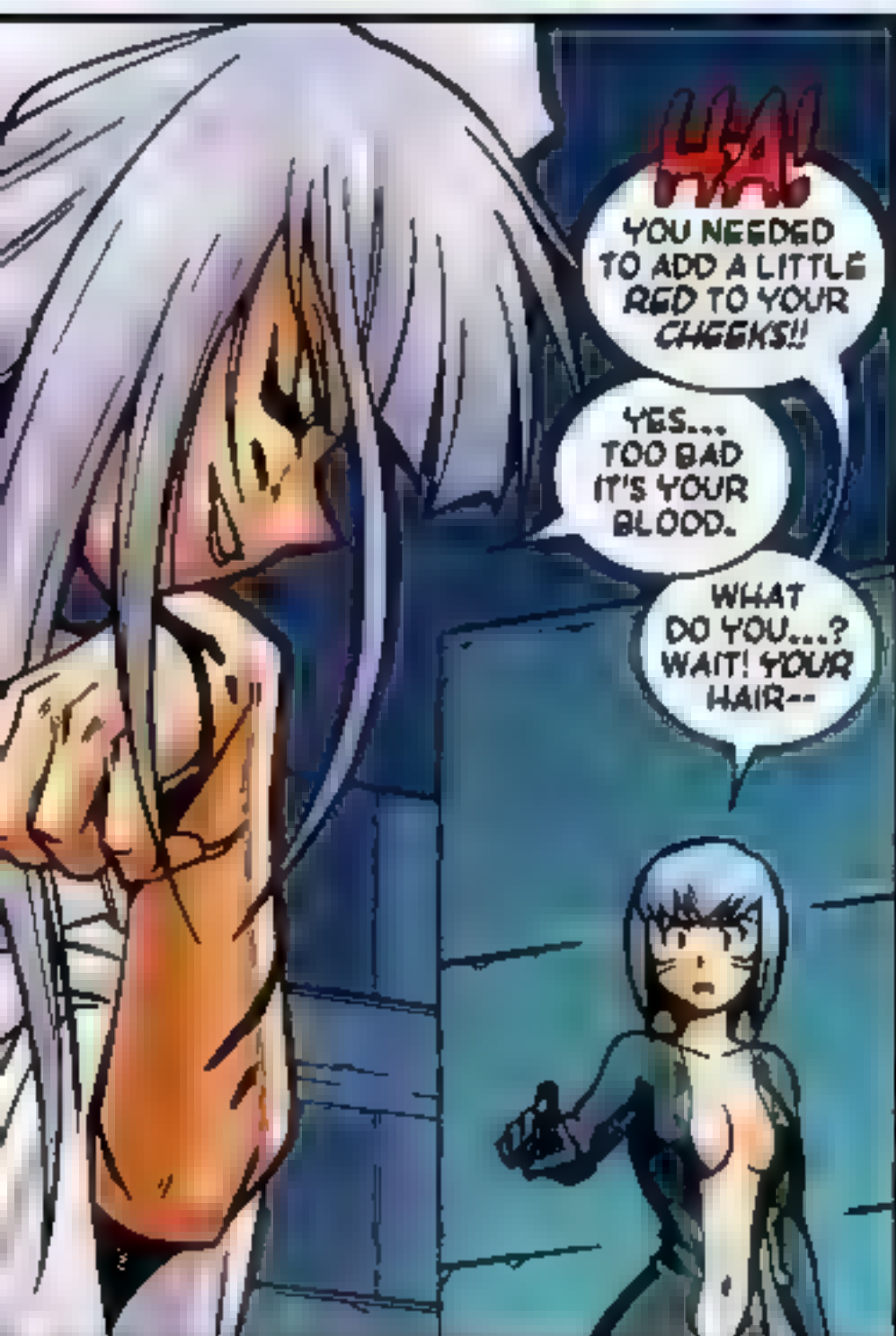
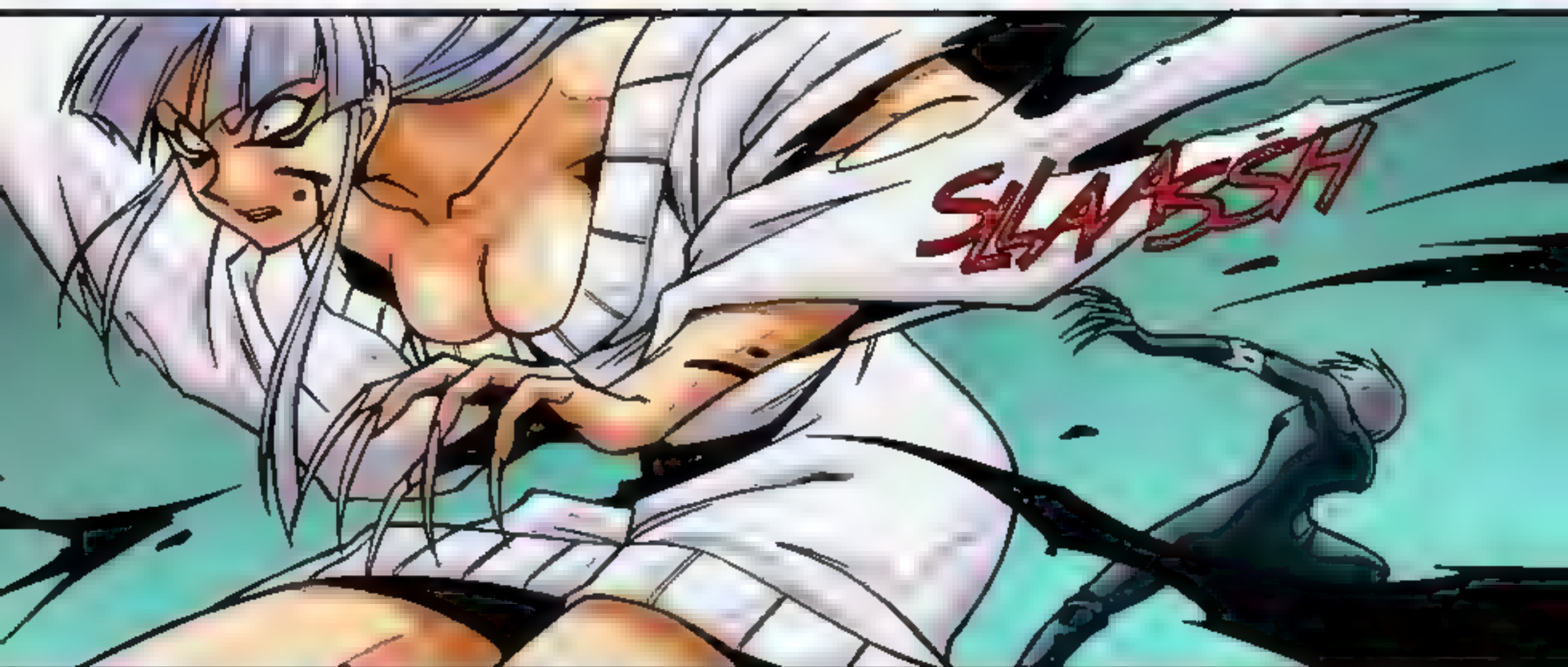
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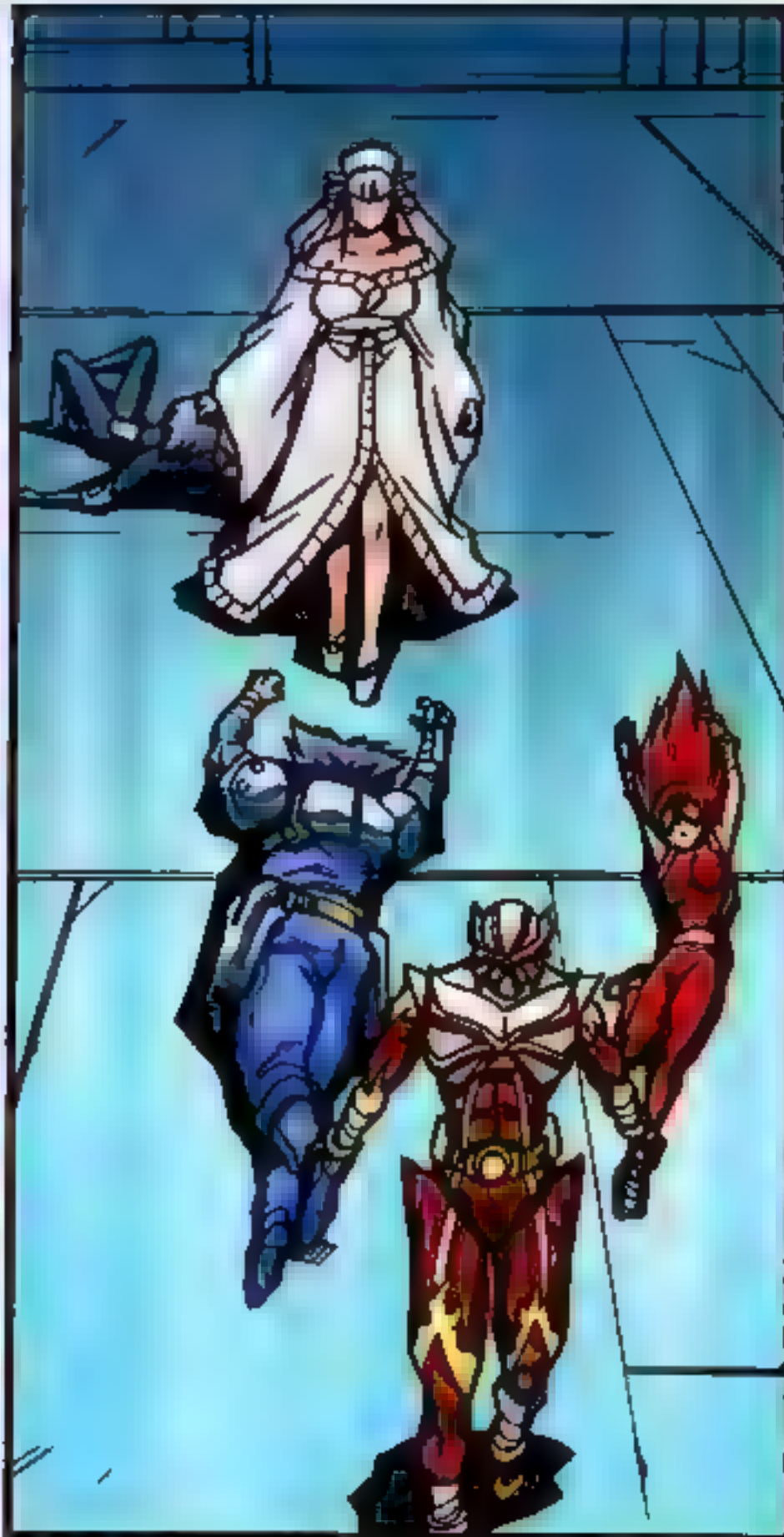


OH, LOGAN,
NO...WHY'D
YOU HAVE TO
GO AND--?

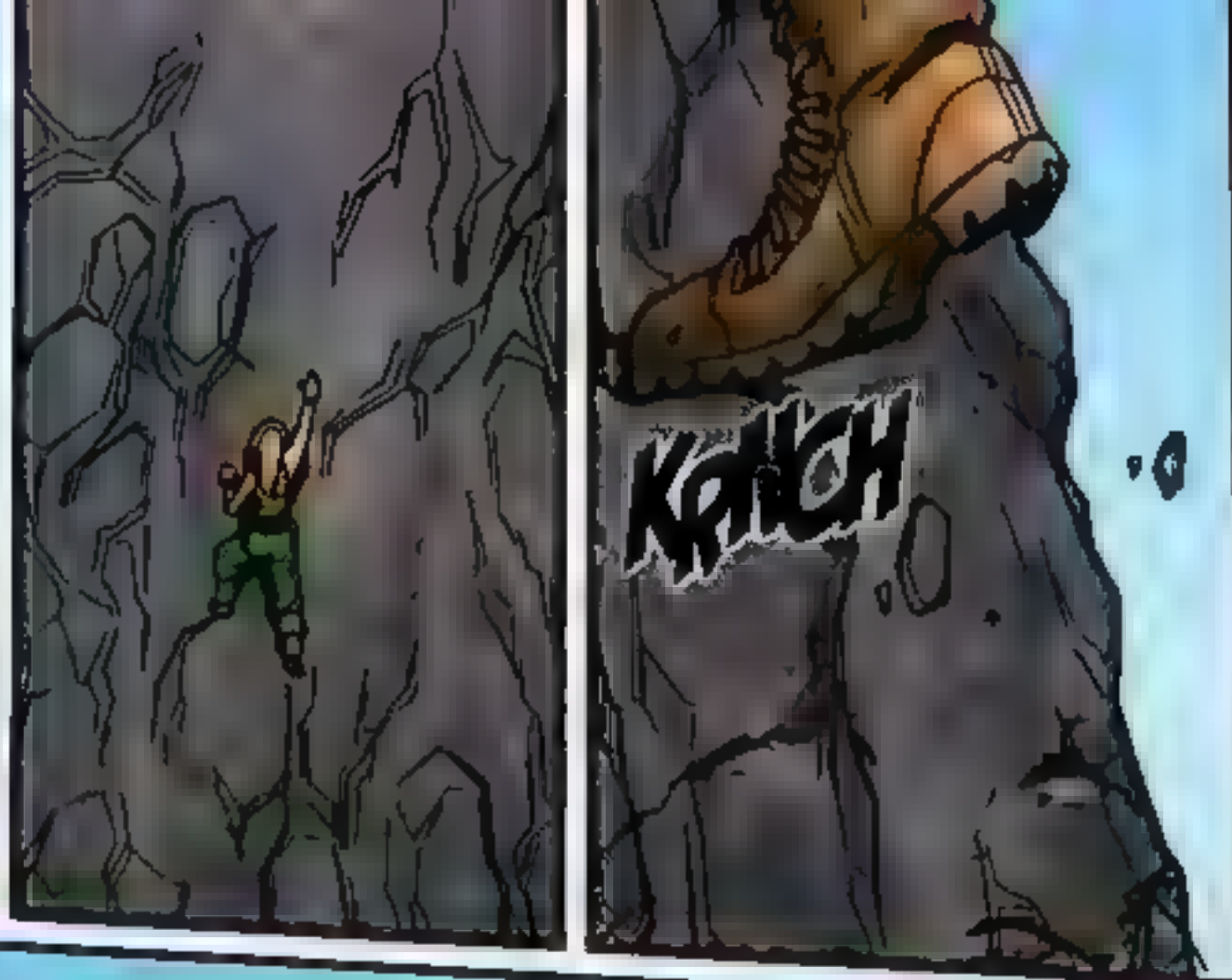
I LIKE MY
REDHEADS
HOT...

...NOT
WELL
DONE.





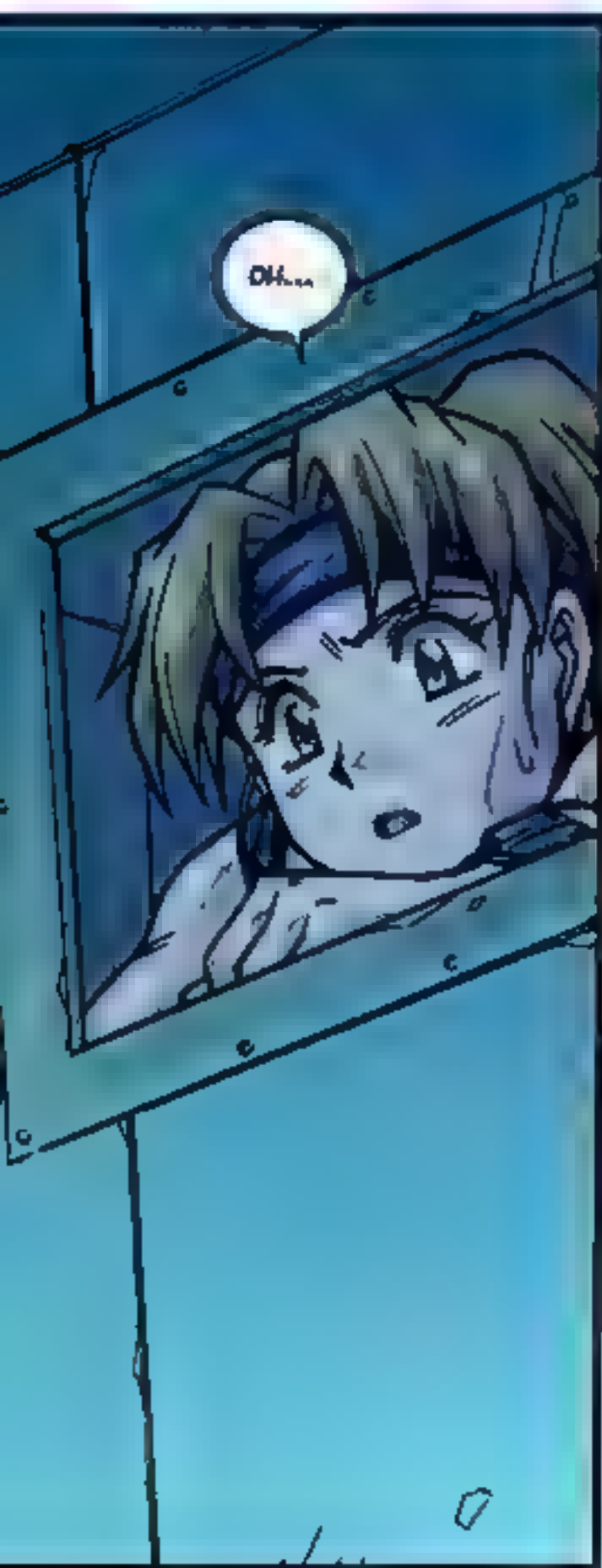
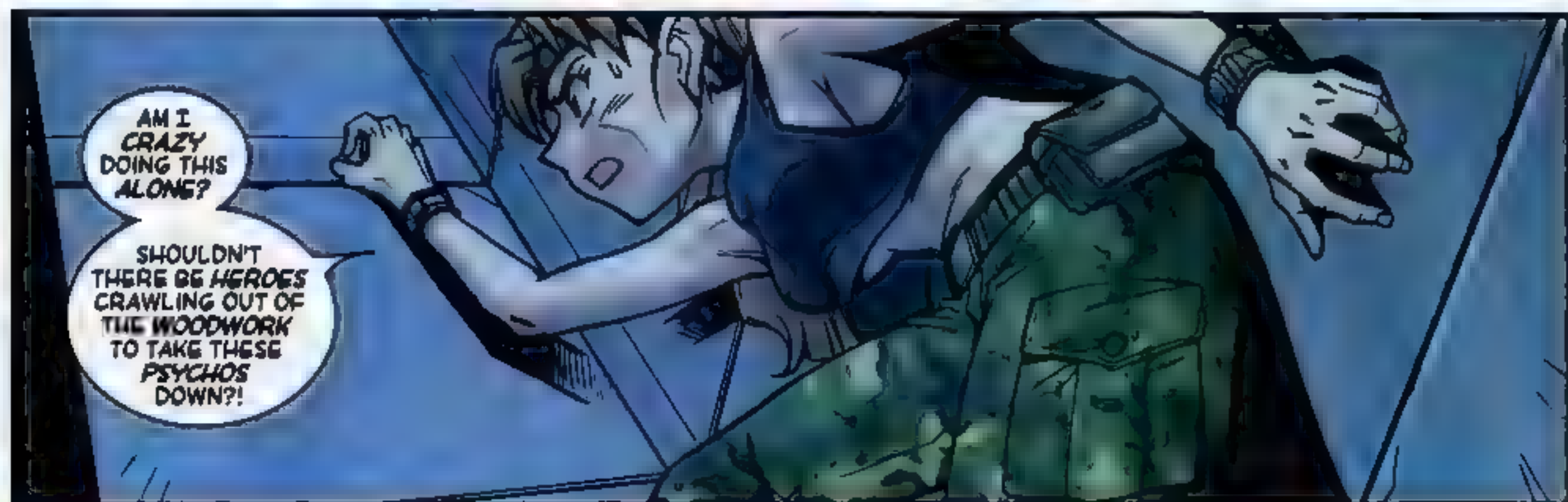
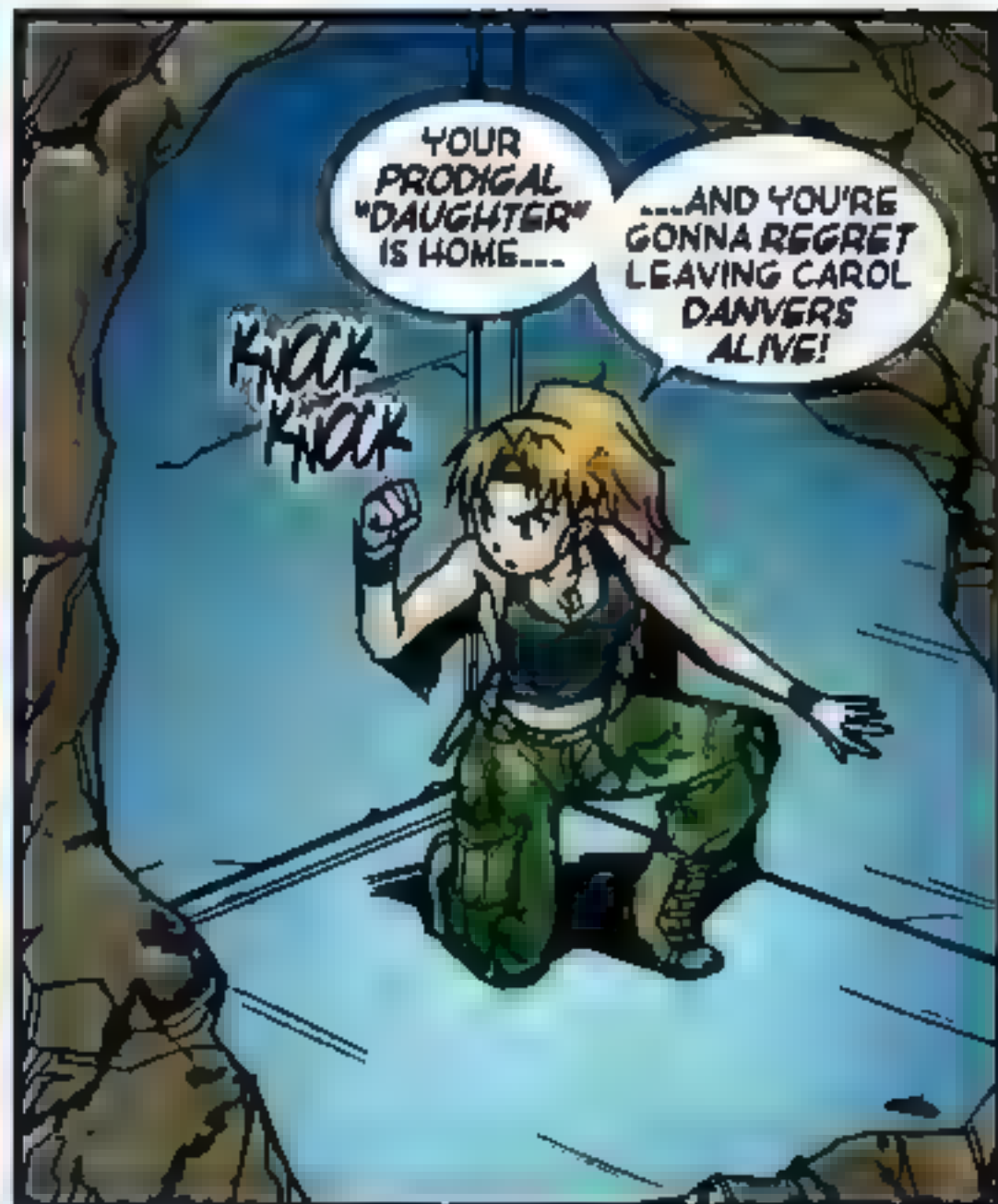
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The Rings of Fate

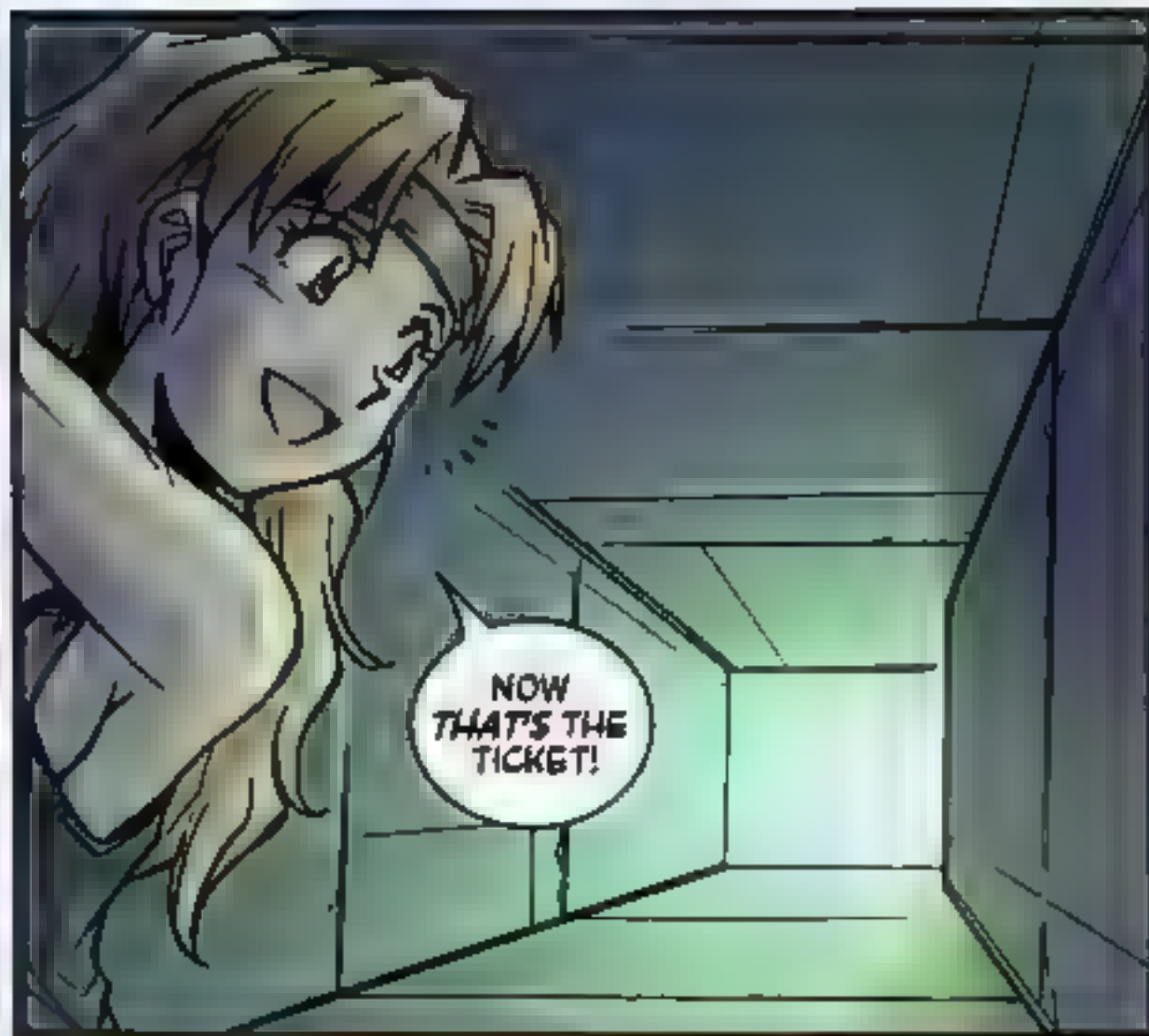
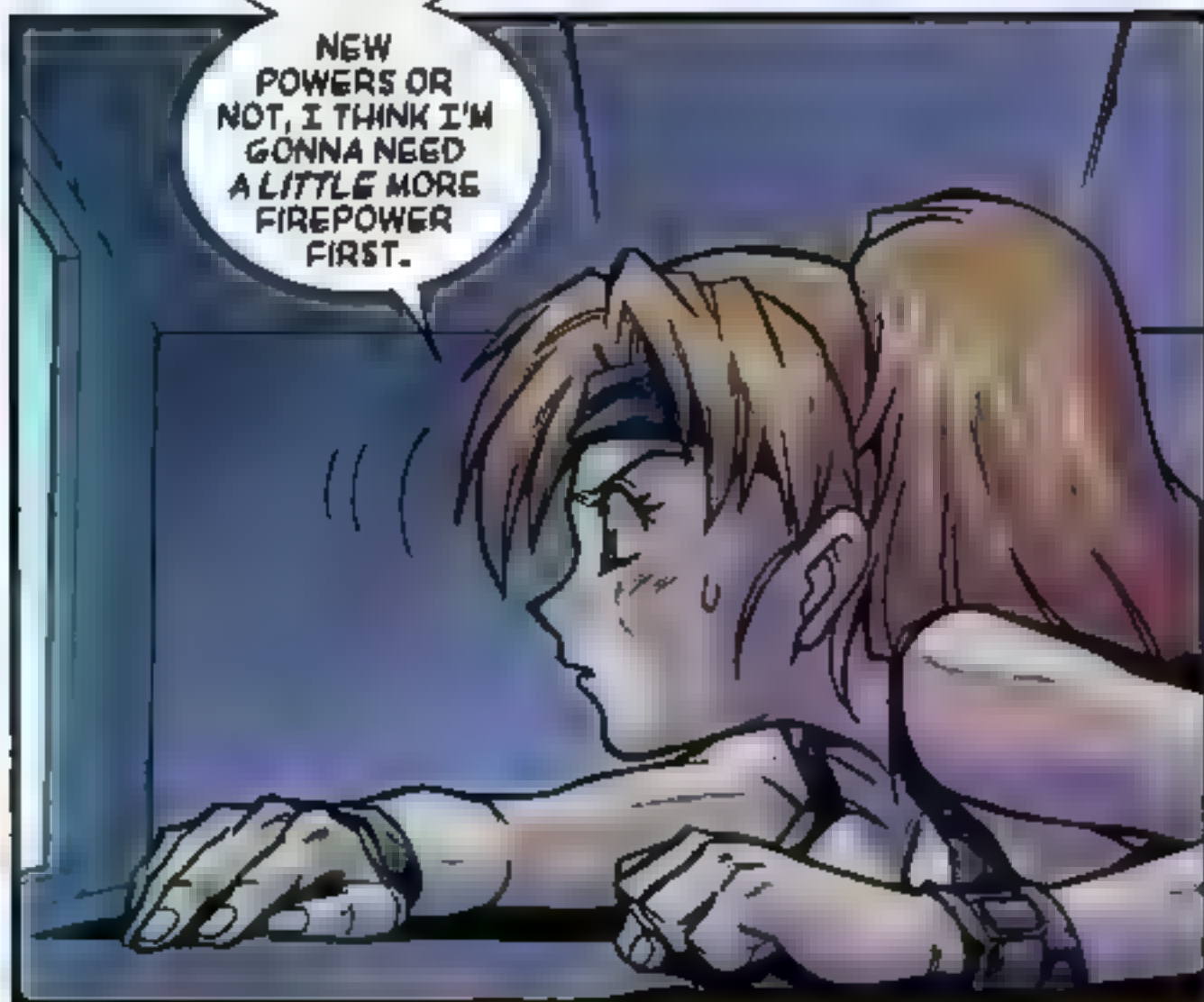
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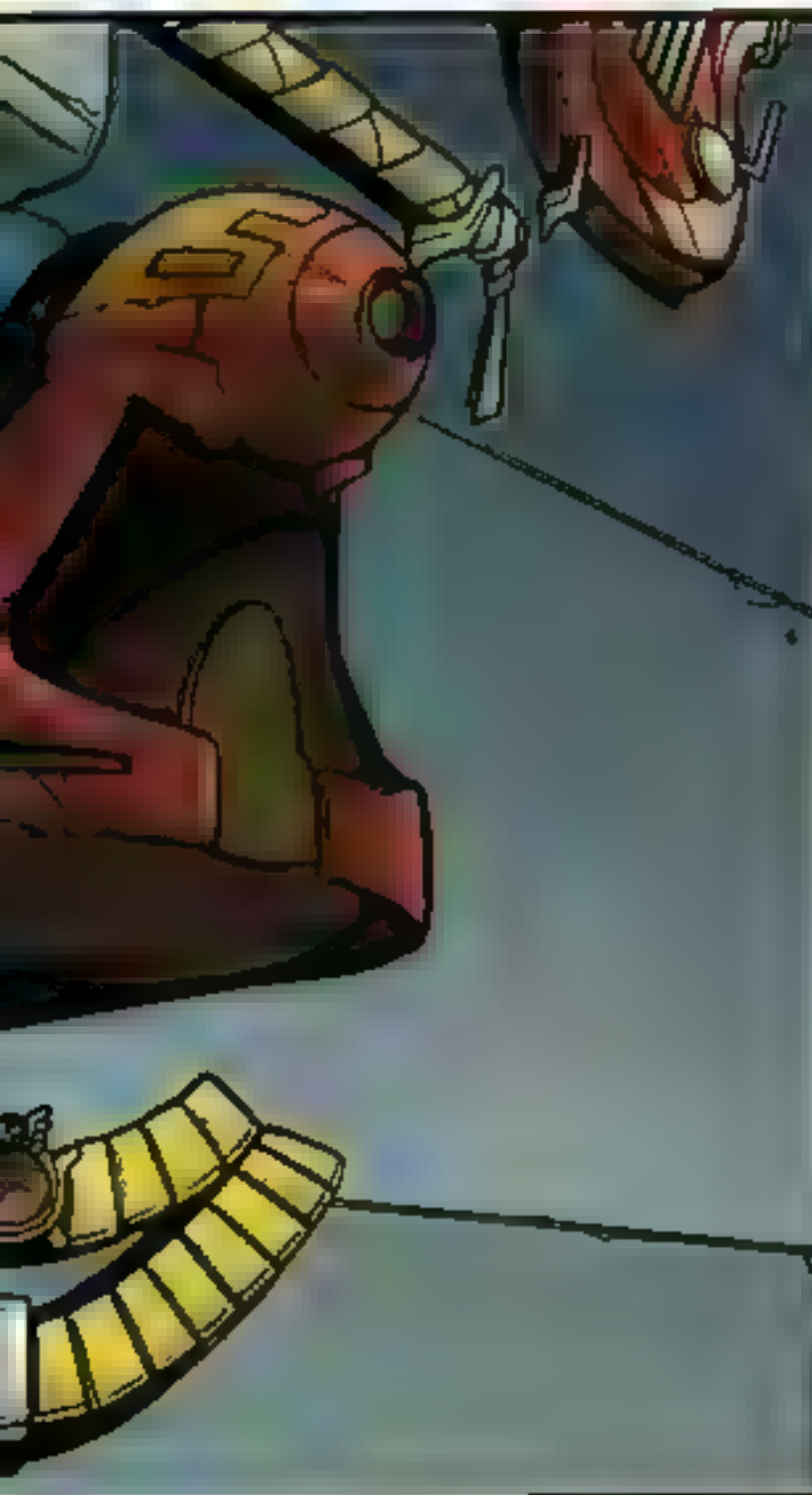


BE CAREFUL
WHAT YOU
WISH FOR.

NEW
POWERS OR
NOT, I THINK I'M
GONNA NEED
A LITTLE MORE
FIREPOWER
FIRST.



NOW
THAT'S THE
TICKET!



WOW....

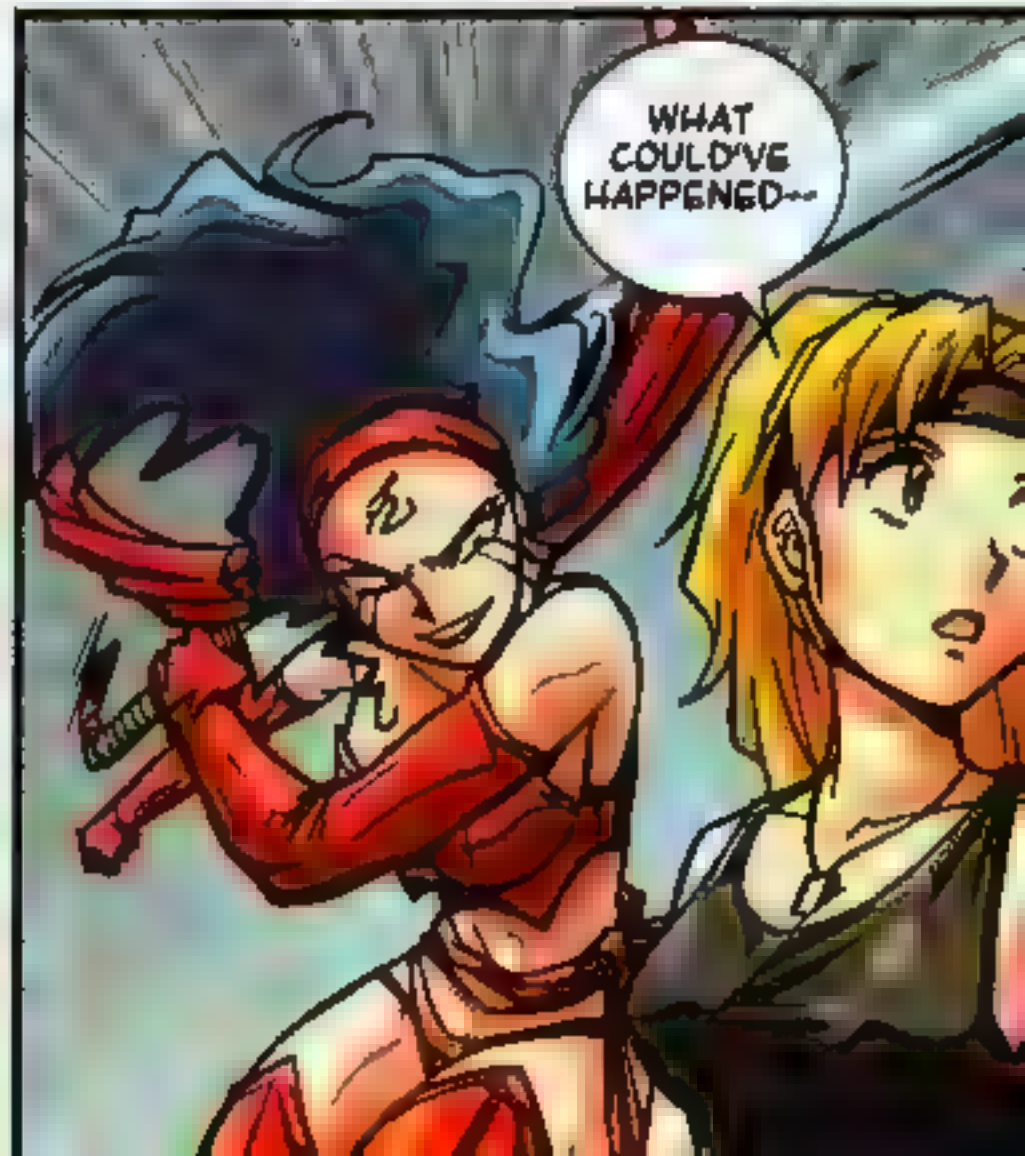


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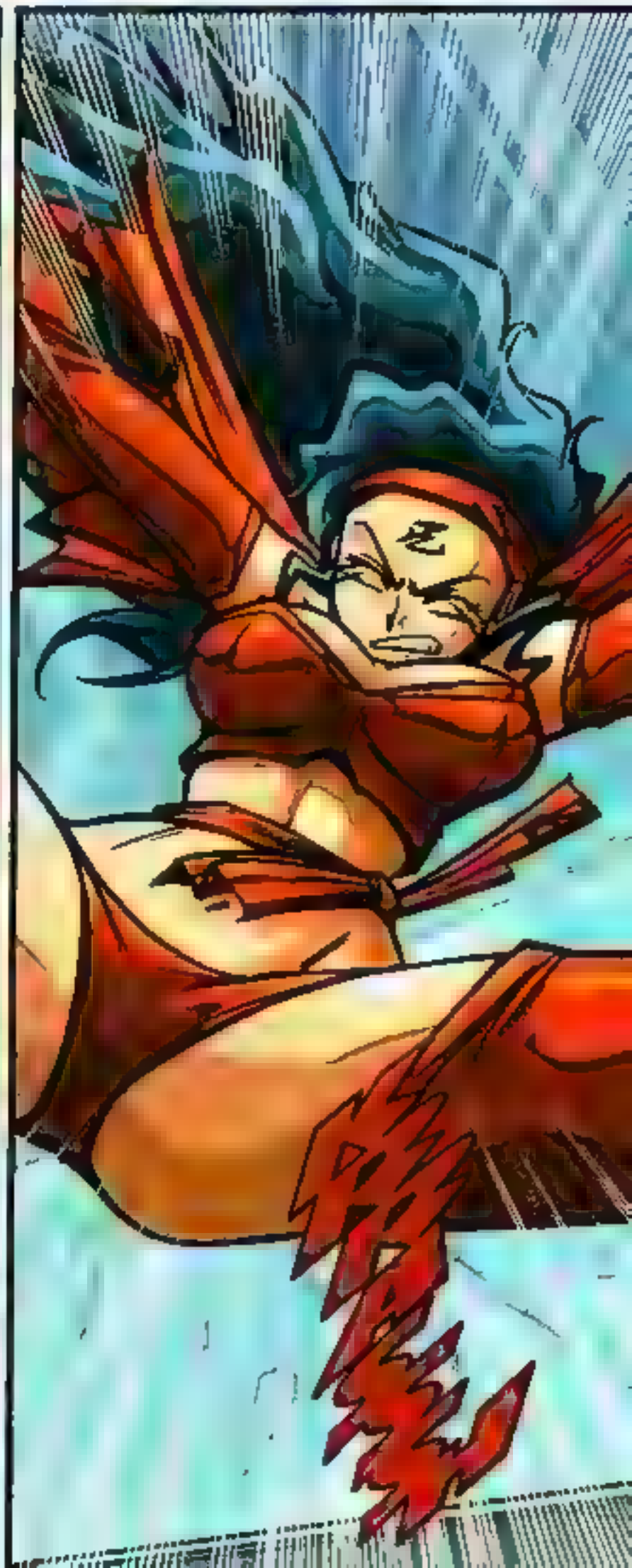
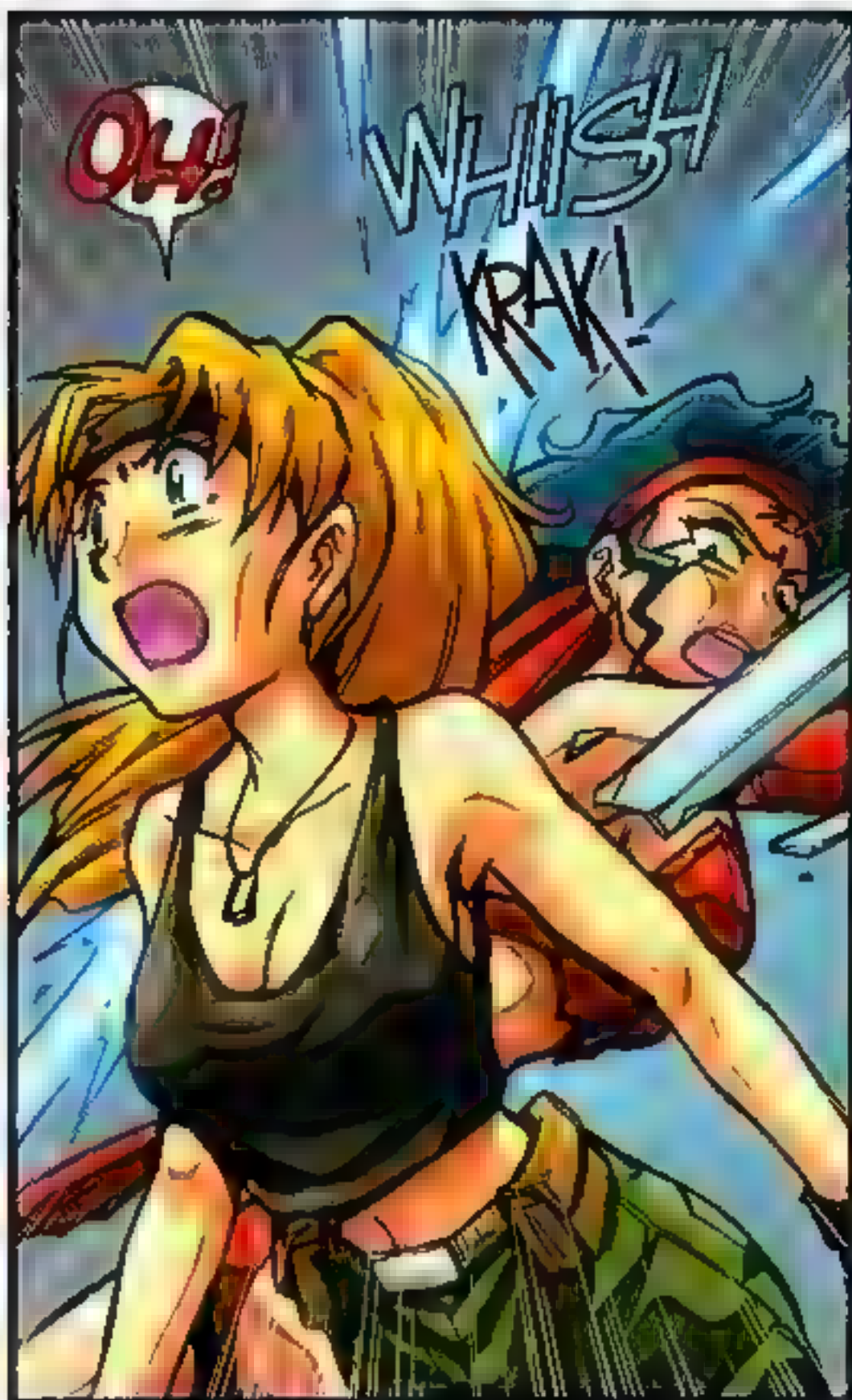


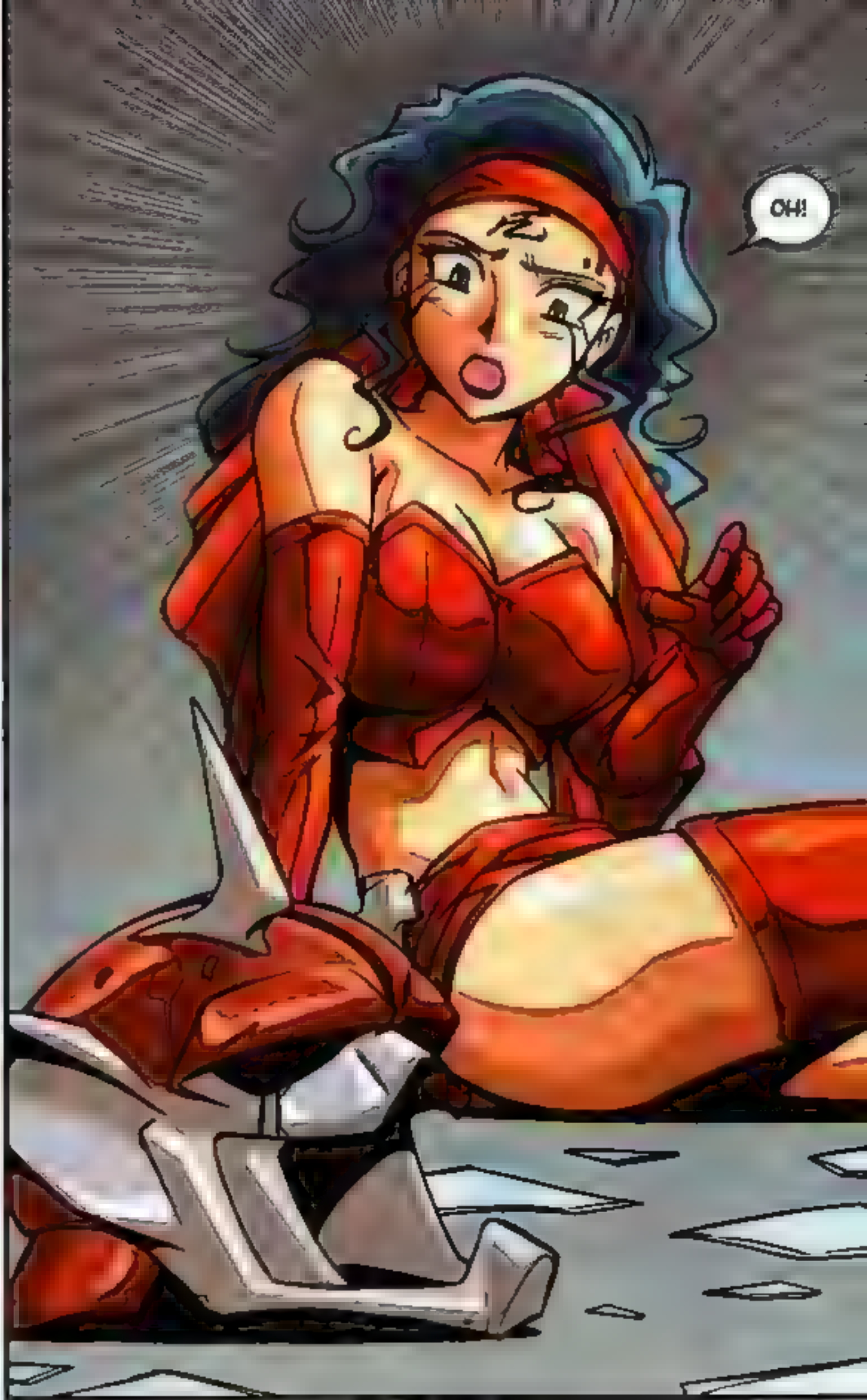
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I HEARD
SOMETHING...

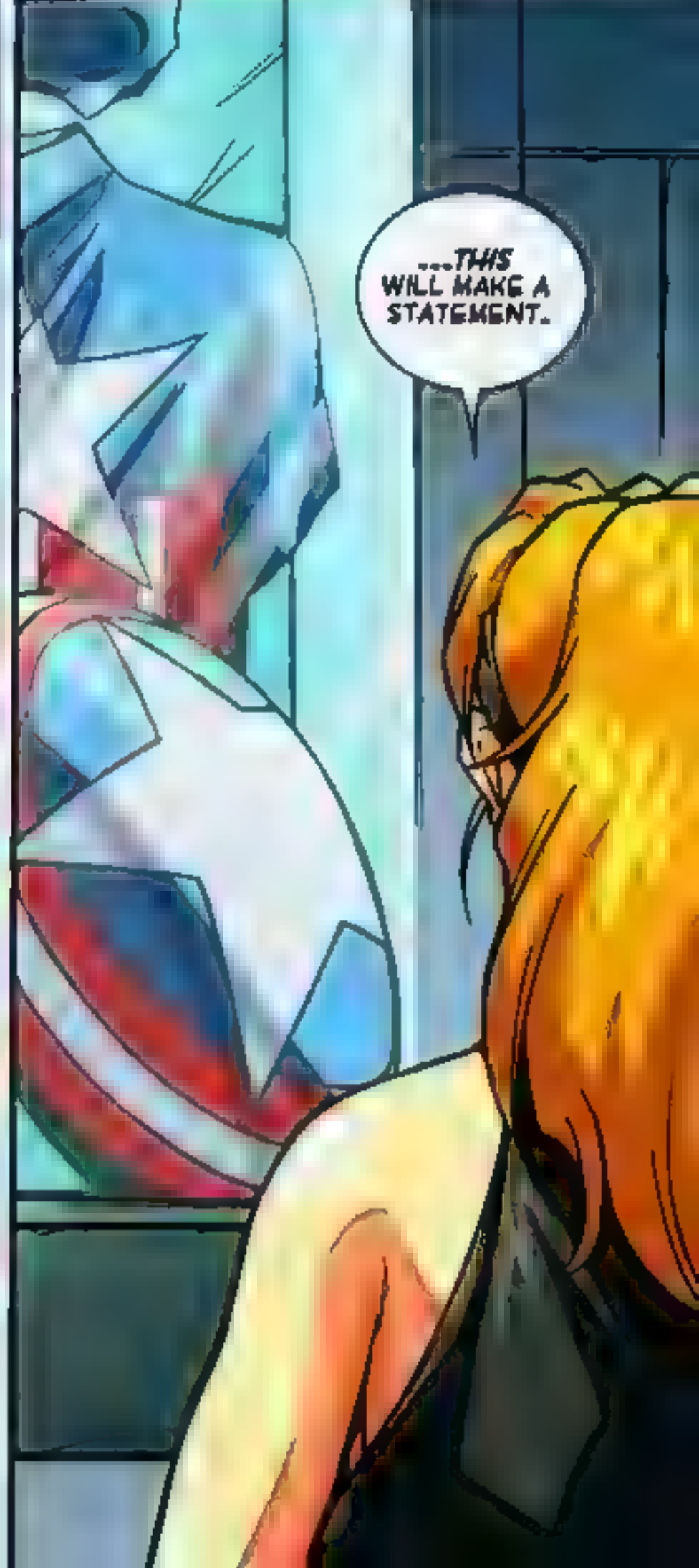
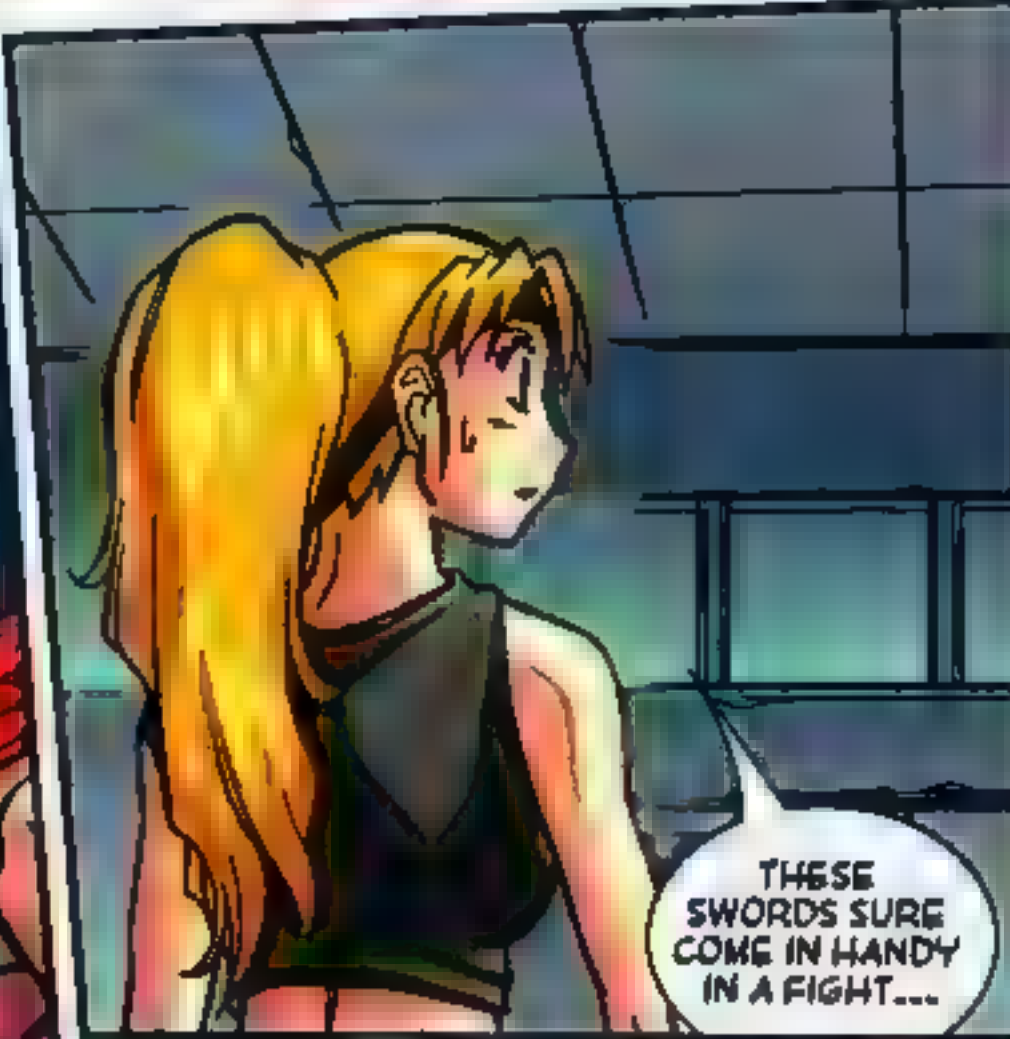
ALL
THIS STUFF
BELONGS
TO THE
HEROES...

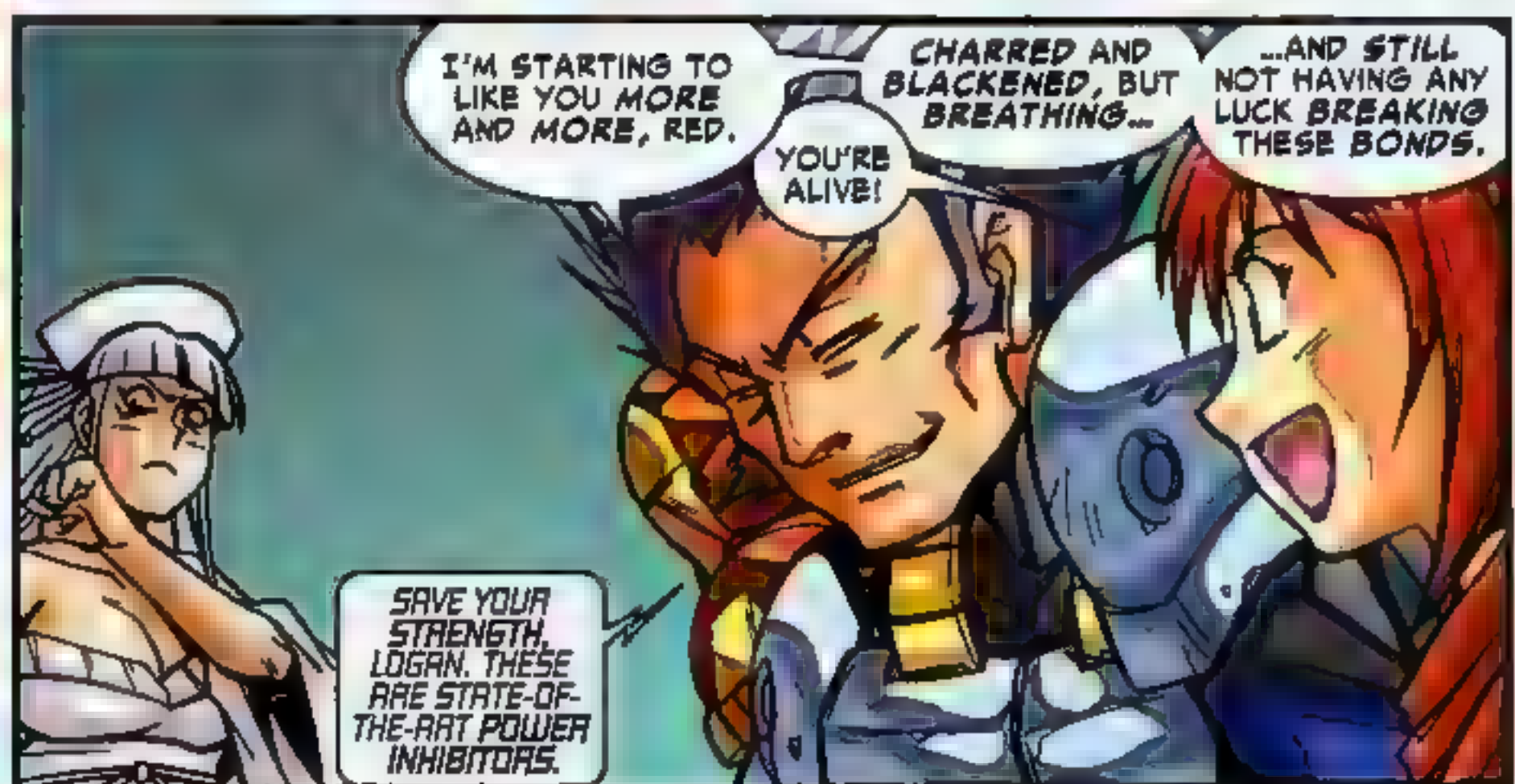
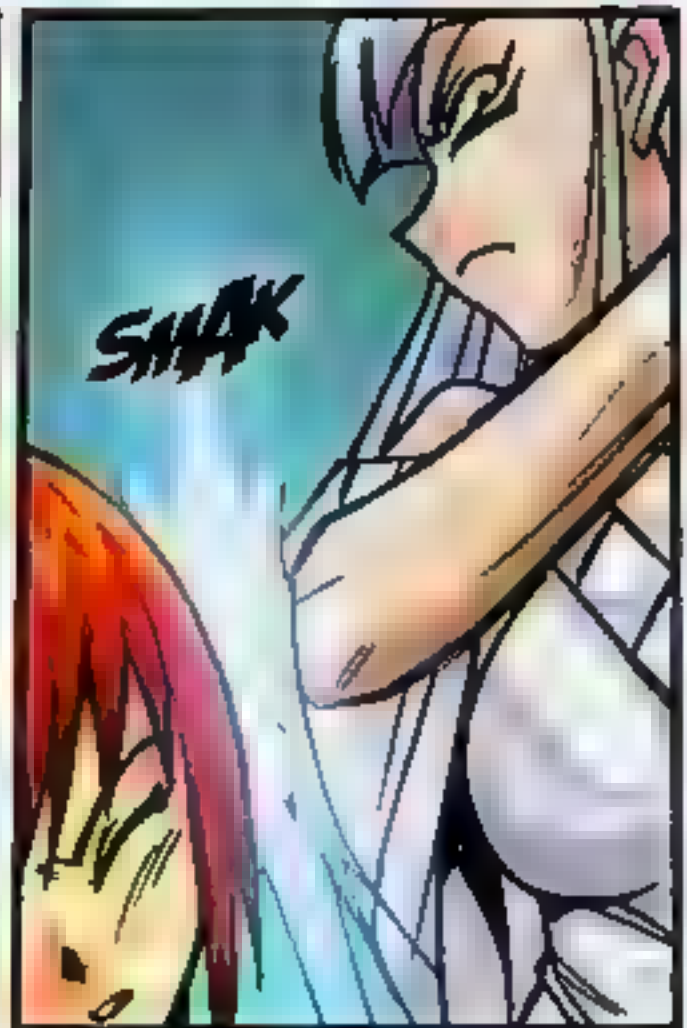
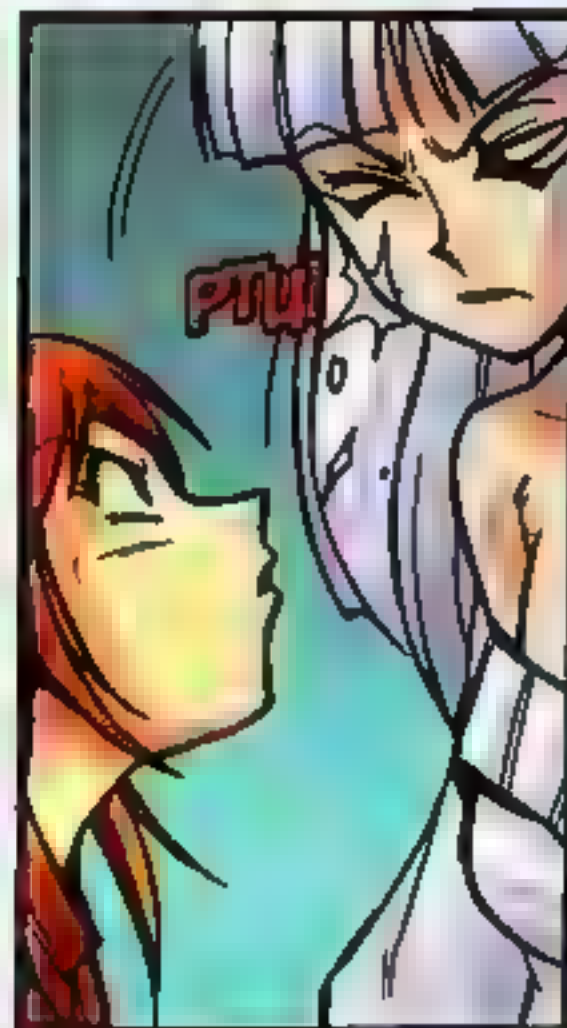
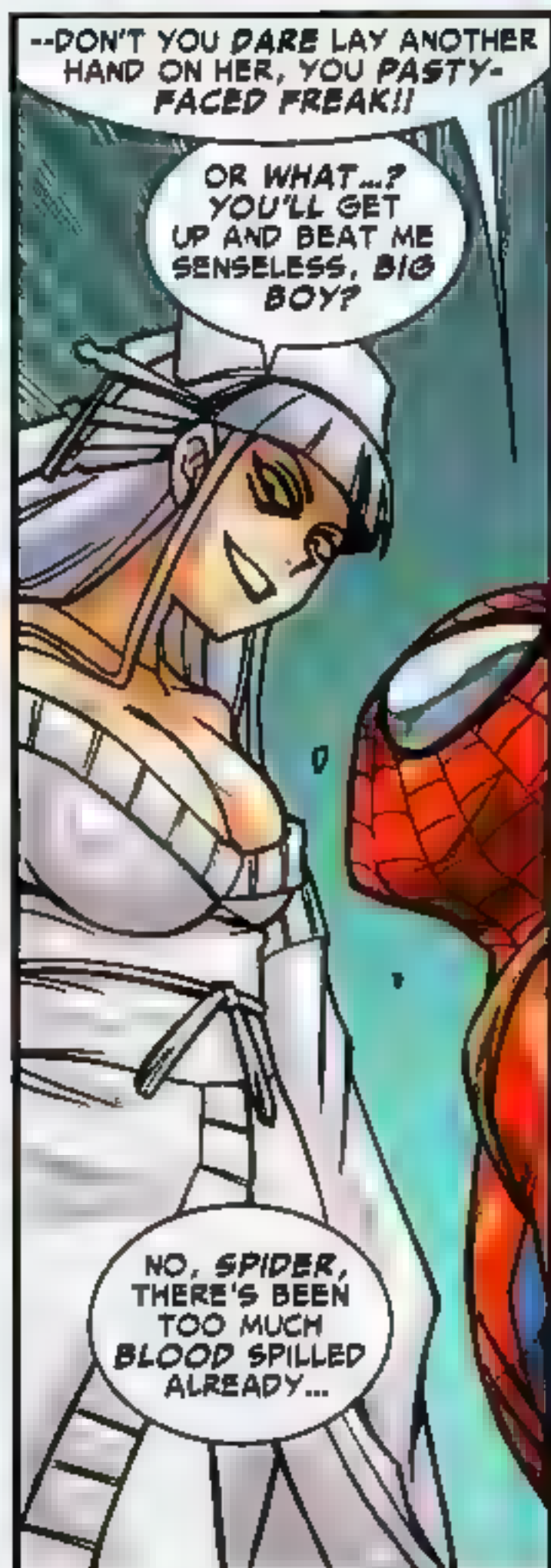
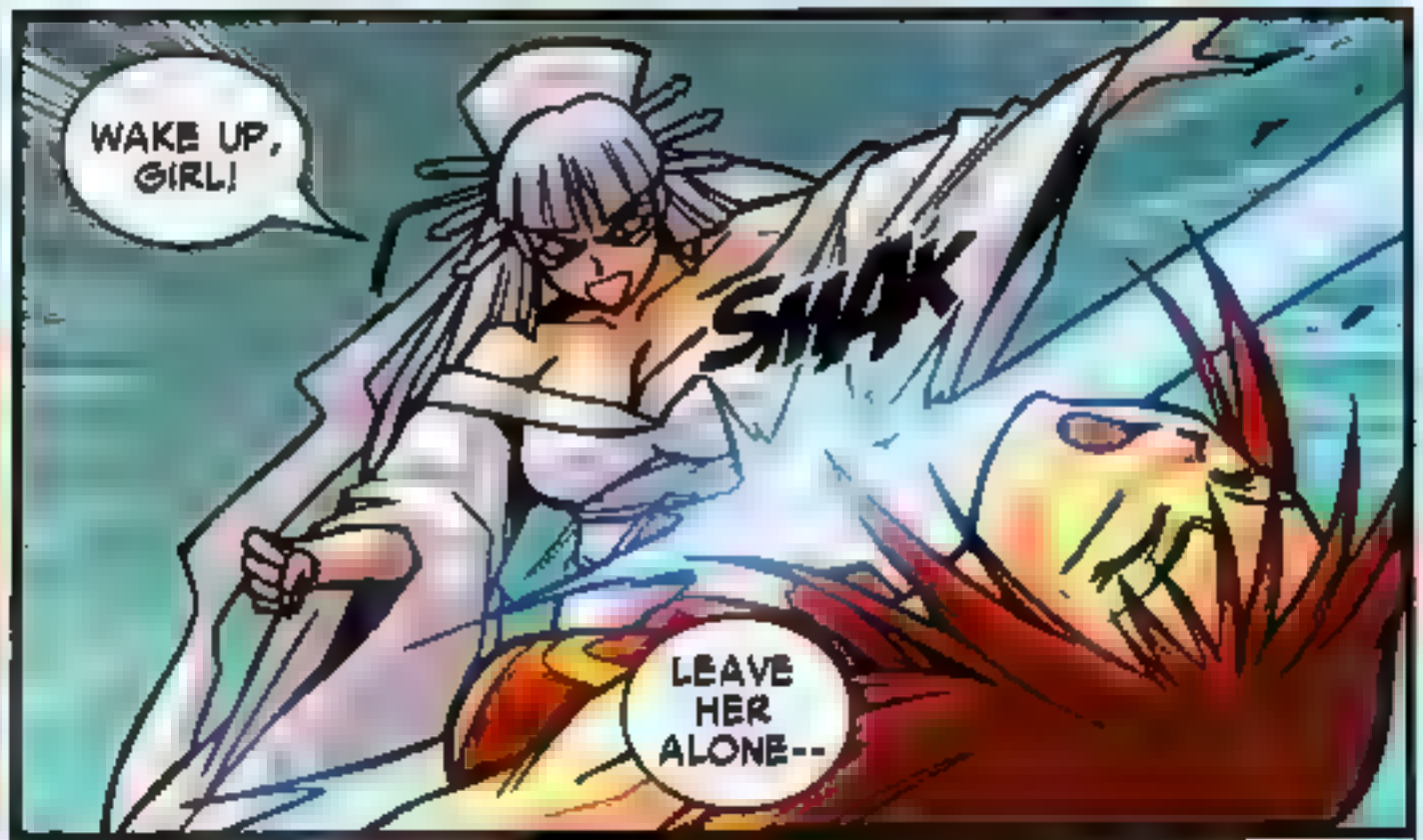


WHAT
COULD'VE
HAPPENED...







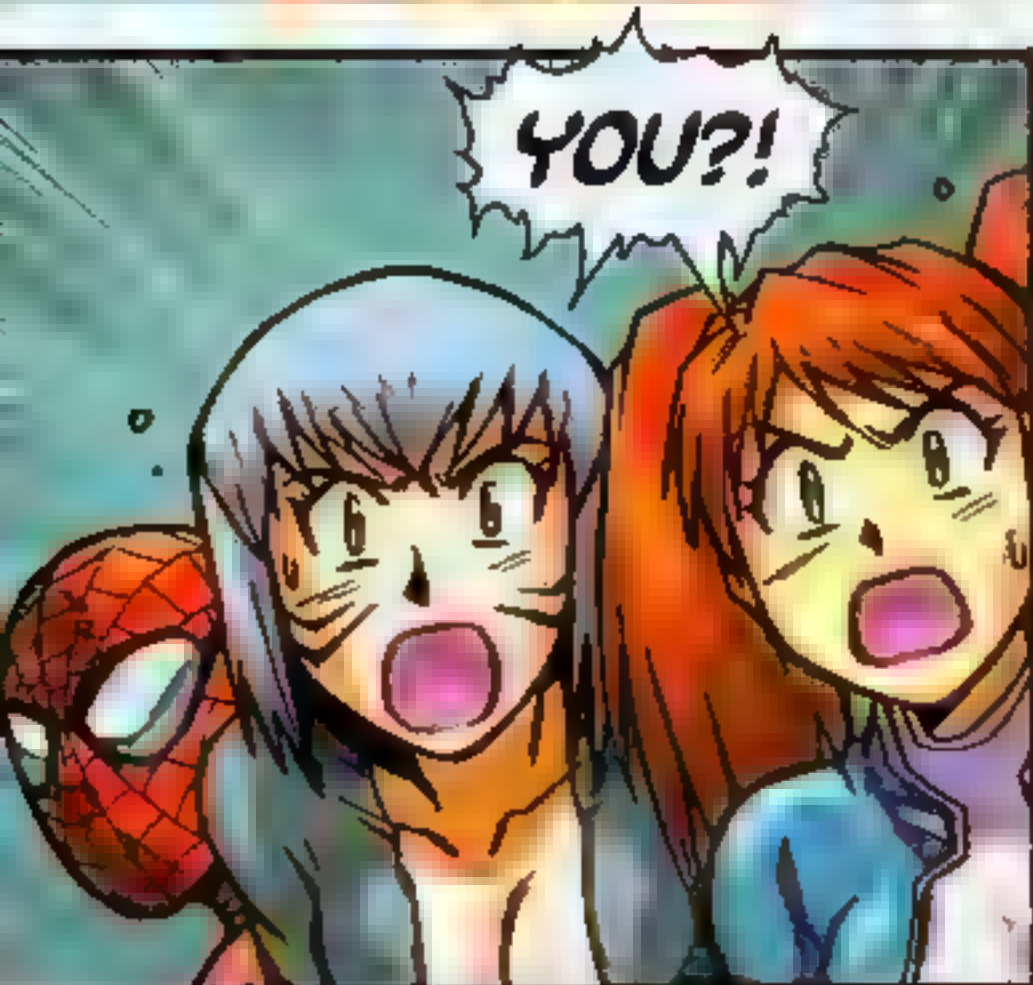




AND THEY NAILED ME WITH A HANDHELD E.M.P. MINE, WHICH HASN'T EVEN GONE INTO SANCTIONED PRODUCTION YET.

SO WHOSE UNSANCTIONED BUTT IS IN BED WITH THE LEAD?

THAT WOULD BE MINE.



YOU?!



YOU'RE THE ACTING HERO OF S.H.I.E.L.D....

YOU TOLD US "WE HAVE THE SAME SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS YOU DO!" AND S.H.I.E.L.D. WOULD NATURALLY HAVE ACCESS TO THE SAME WEAPONRY, AS WELL!

GIVEN YOUR REFUSAL TO HELP THE HEROES DURING THE ATTACKS... I SHOULD HAVE SEEN THIS COMING!

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT WATCHING YOUR BACK, TONY...

...BUT I GUESS IT'S HARDER WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE ONE!

HAHAHAHA



THE TRUTH IS THAT NICK FURY HATED ALL THE HEROES, TOO. HE COULDN'T STAND PLAYING SECOND FIDDLE--WATCHING YOU FREAKS FLY IN, SAVE THE DAY AND TAKE ALL THE GLORY.

HE JUST NEVER HAD THE STONES TO GO OUT THERE AND DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!

SHARON CARTER?!

SO ONCE FURY WAS OUT OF THE PICTURE--
AND S.H.I.E.L.D. CAME UNDER MY CONTROL--
EVERYTHING I NEEDED TO WIPE YOU OUT
FELL INTO MY LAP.

WITH ALL OF
WEAPON X'S DATA
AT MY FINGERTIPS,
CREATING A VIRUS
TO NEUTRALIZE
THE MUTANTS WAS
ALMOST CHILD'S
PLAY.

I'LL
KILL
YOU!

WE STARTED GOING AFTER THE VILLAINS
NEXT, AS WE KNEW NO ONE WOULD MISS
THEM. YOU'D PROBABLY JUST THINK
THEY'D KILLED EACH OTHER.

THE COUP DE
GRACE CAME WHEN
WE DISCOVERED FURY'S
PERSONAL FILES, WHICH
CONTAINED THE SECRET
IDENTITIES OF ALMOST
EVERY HERO ON THE
PLANET.

THEN IT
WAS SIMPLY
SEEK AND
DESTROY!

AND HOW
THOUGHTFUL IT
WAS OF YOU LAST
"REBELS" TO WALTZ
RIGHT IN HERE AND
SAVE US THE TROUBLE
OF COMING AFTER
YOU!



EXCUSE ME,
BUT IF YOU'RE
THE BIG REVEAL,
THE MYSTERIOUS
VILLAIN BEHIND
ALL THIS...

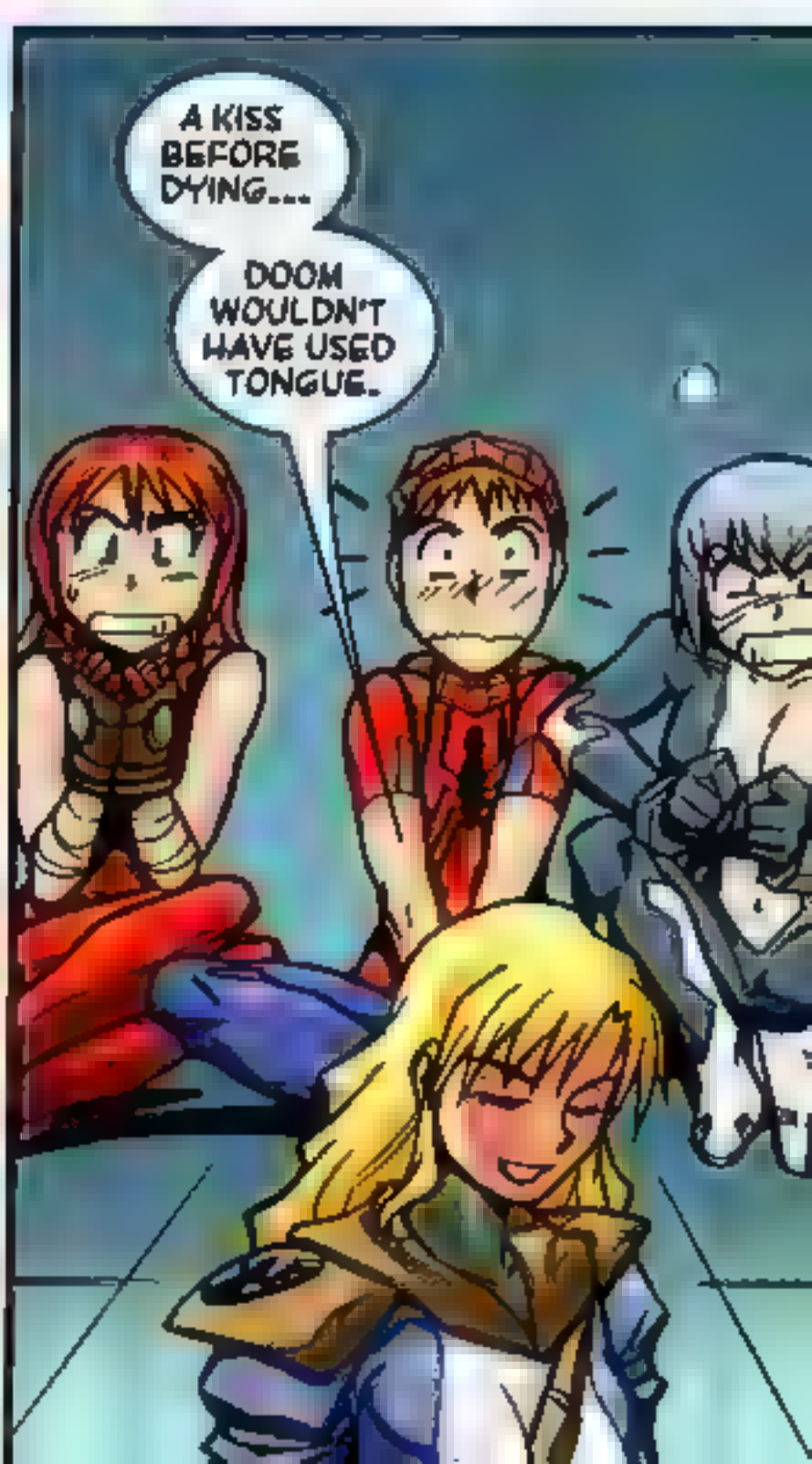
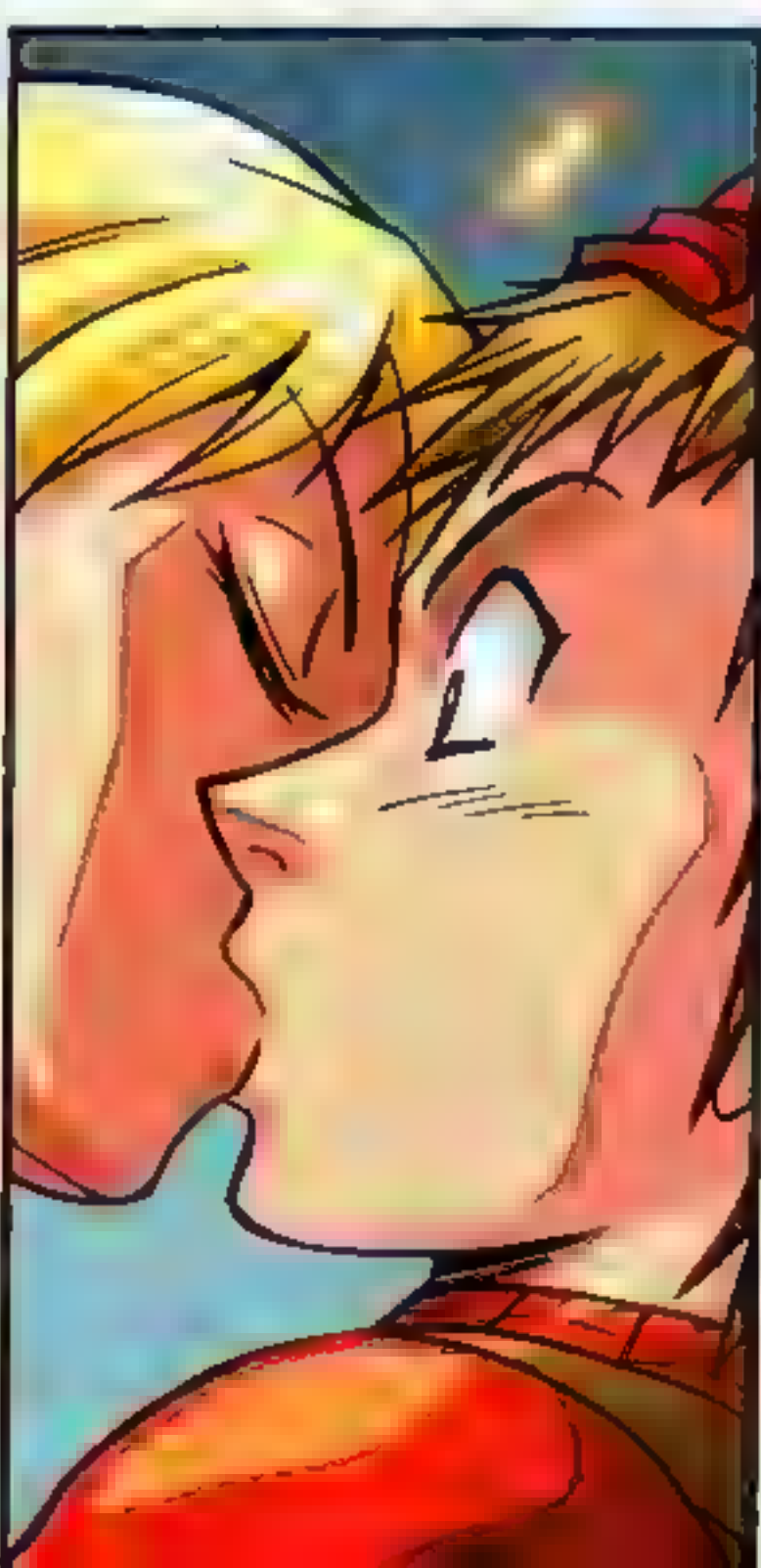
...AM I THE
ONLY ONE WHO
THINKS THAT'S LAME?
I MEAN, WHO WANTS TO
DIE AT THE HANDS OF
SOME CHICK IN A
SKIRT-SUIT?

CAN WE
AT LEAST CALL
DR. DOOM AND
SEE IF SHE'S
FREE?



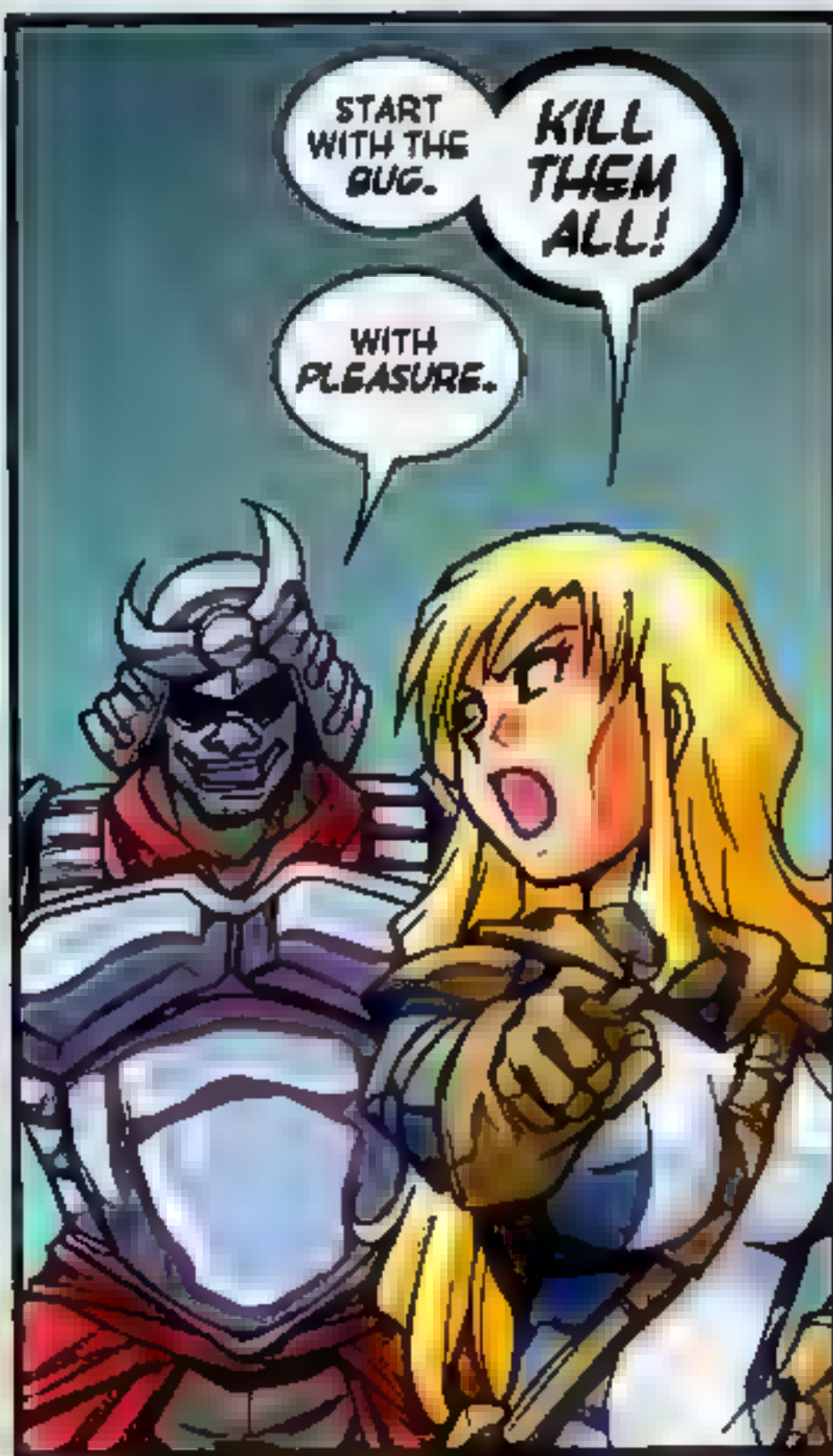
WITTY TILL THE END,
EH, MR. PARKER?

WELL, LET
ME TRY AND MAKE
YOU FEEL BETTER
ABOUT THE
SITUATION.



A KISS
BEFORE
DYING...

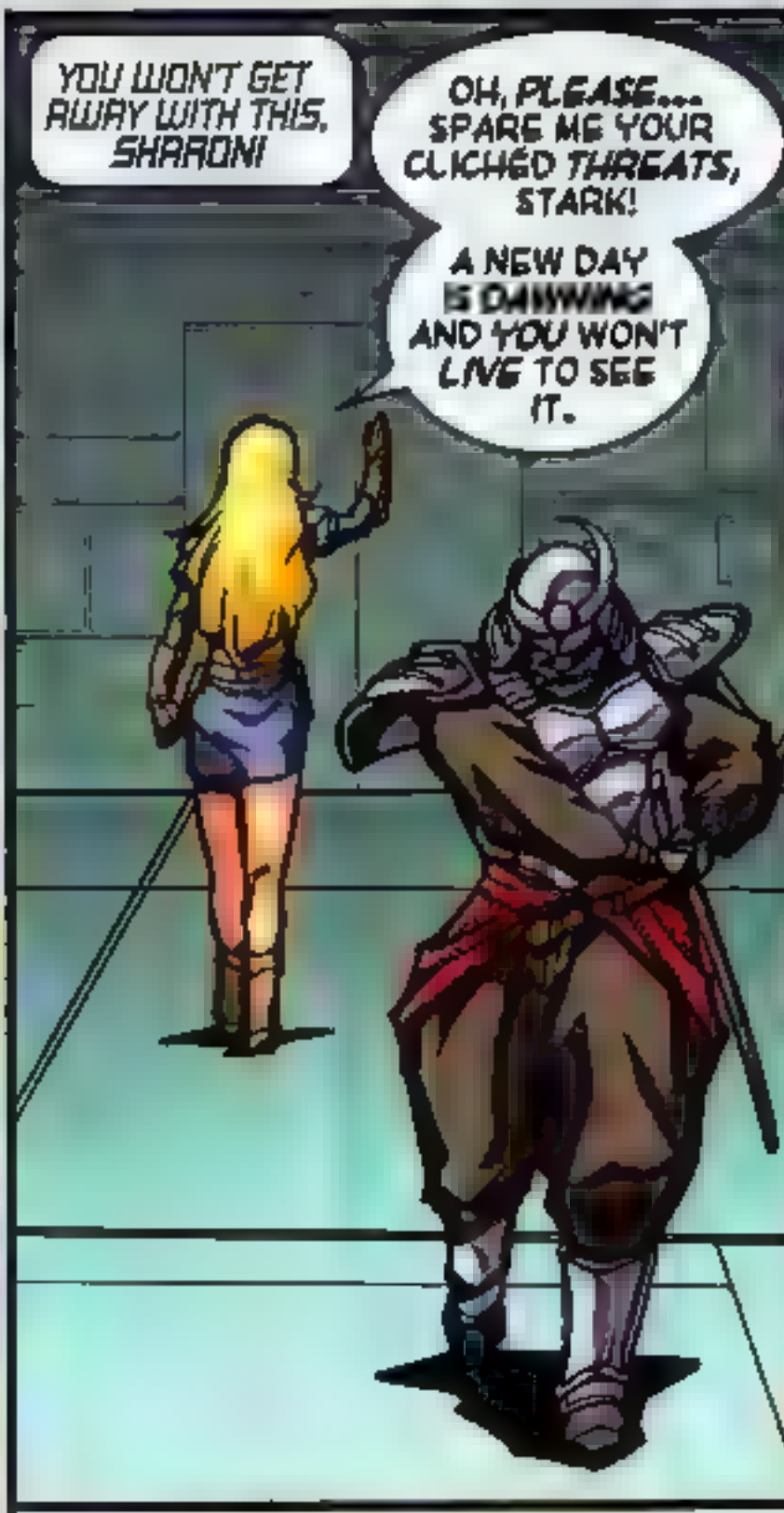
DOOM
WOULDN'T
HAVE USED
TONGUE.



START WITH THE BUG.

KILL THEM ALL!

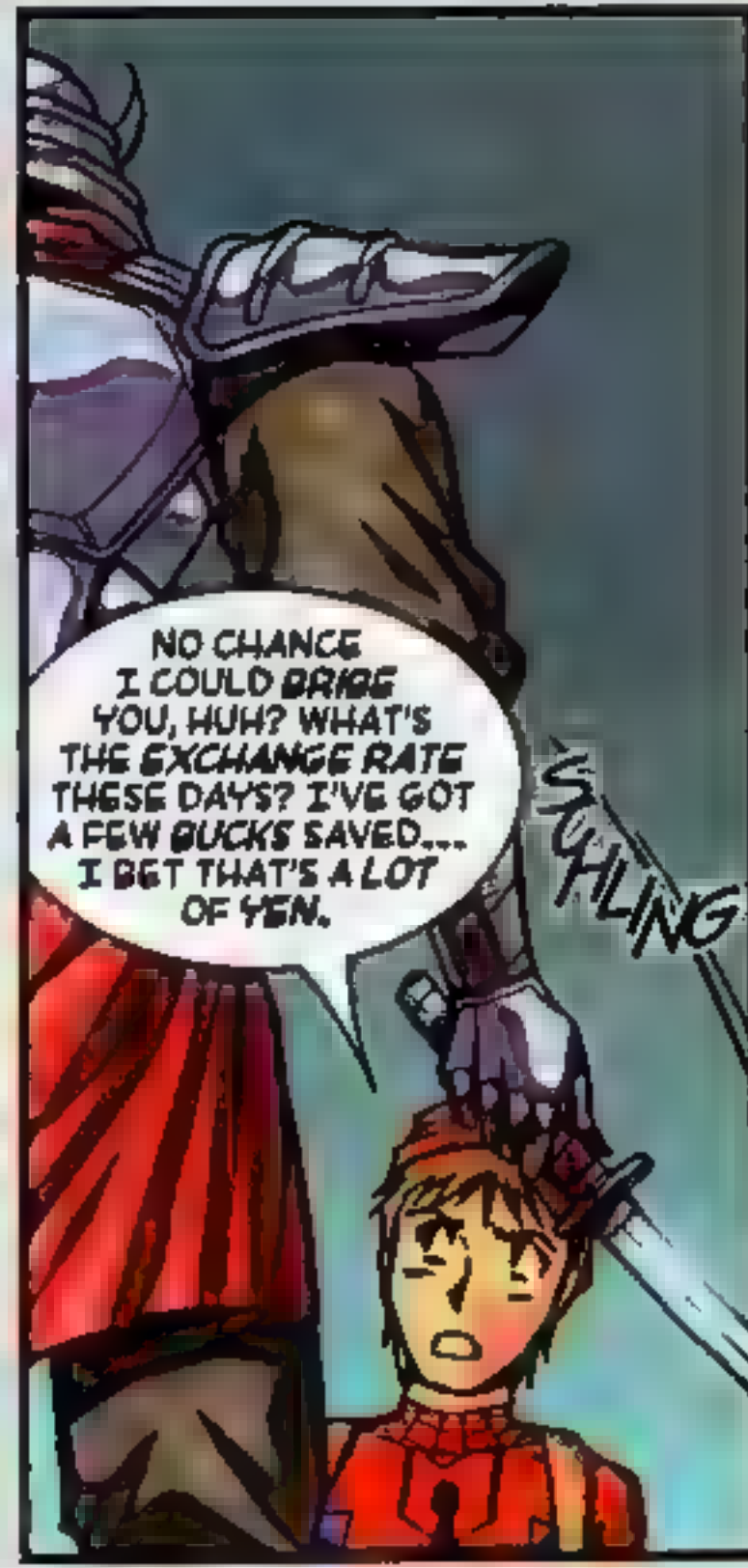
WITH PLEASURE.



YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, SHARON!

OH, PLEASE... SPARE ME YOUR CLICHÉD THREATS, STARK!

A NEW DAY IS DAWNING AND YOU WON'T LIVE TO SEE IT.



NO CHANCE I COULD BRIBE YOU, HUH? WHAT'S THE EXCHANGE RATE THESE DAYS? I'VE GOT A FEW DUCKS SAVED... I BET THAT'S A LOT OF YEN.

SHLING



C'MON, JUMBO, WHATEVER HAPPENED TO HONOR AMONG THIEVES AND KILLERS AND ALL THAT? I THOUGHT THAT EXTENDED TO NINJA AS WELL...CAN'T YOU CUT A NINJA A BREAK?

BAD CHOICE OF LAST WORDS...



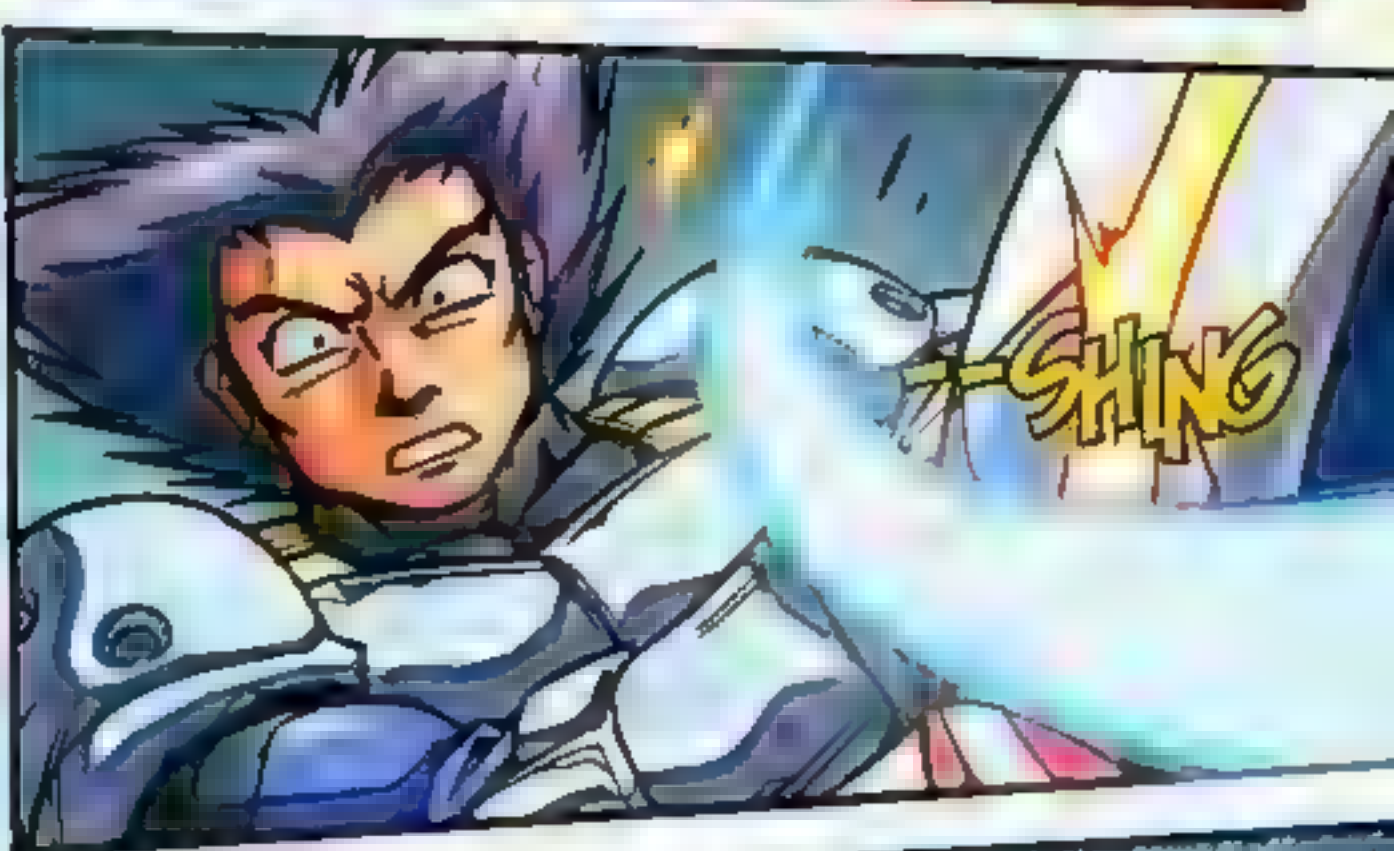
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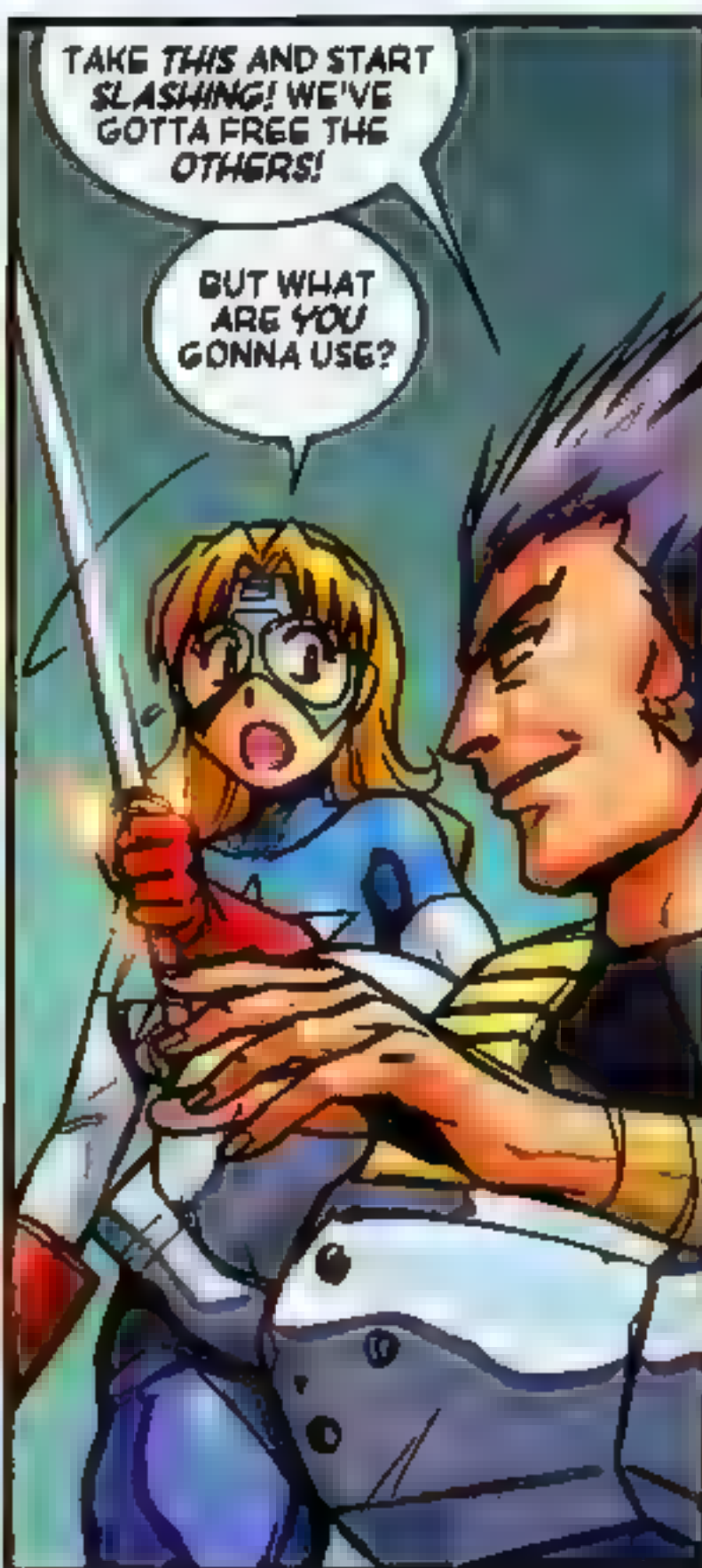
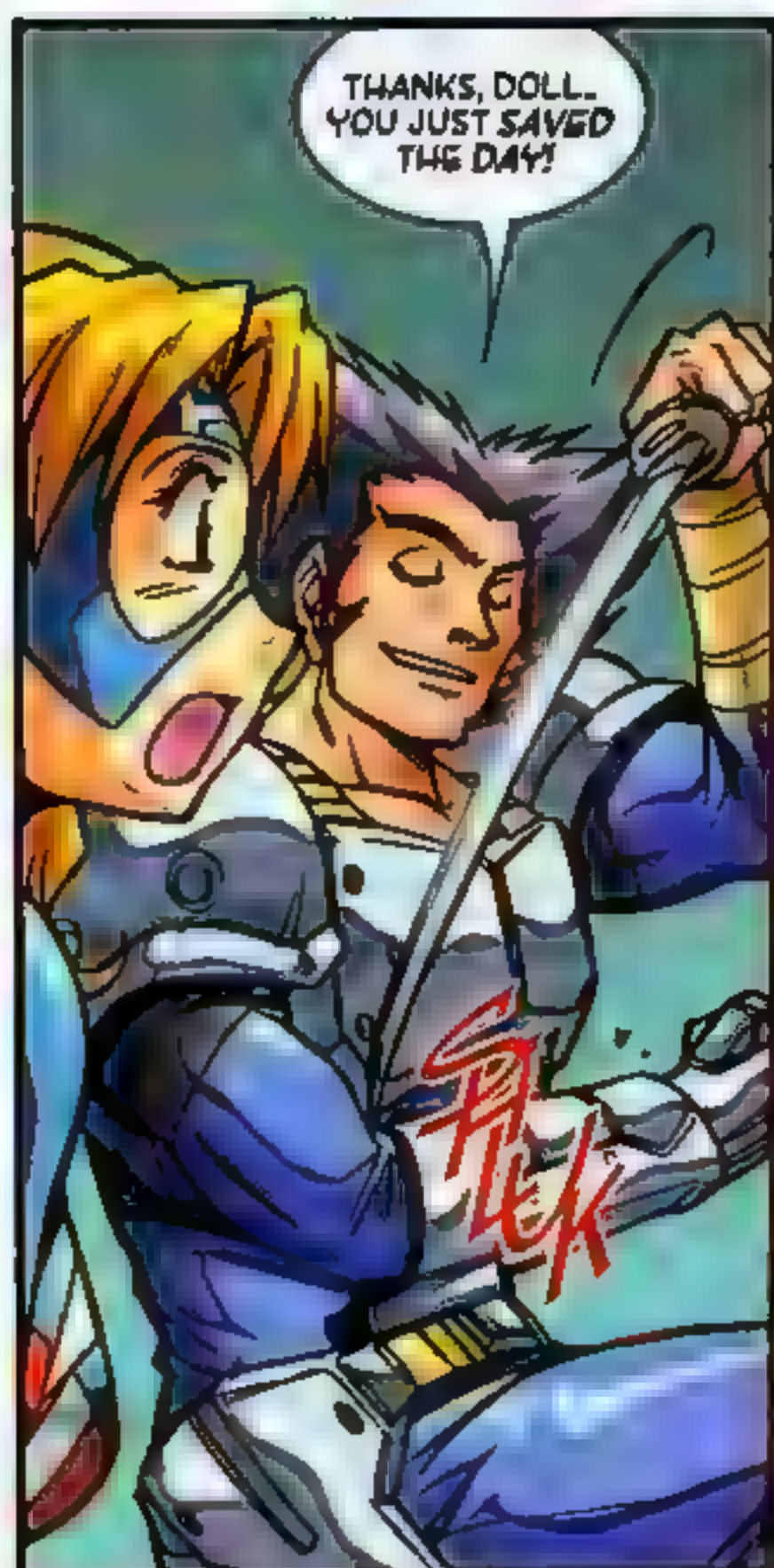
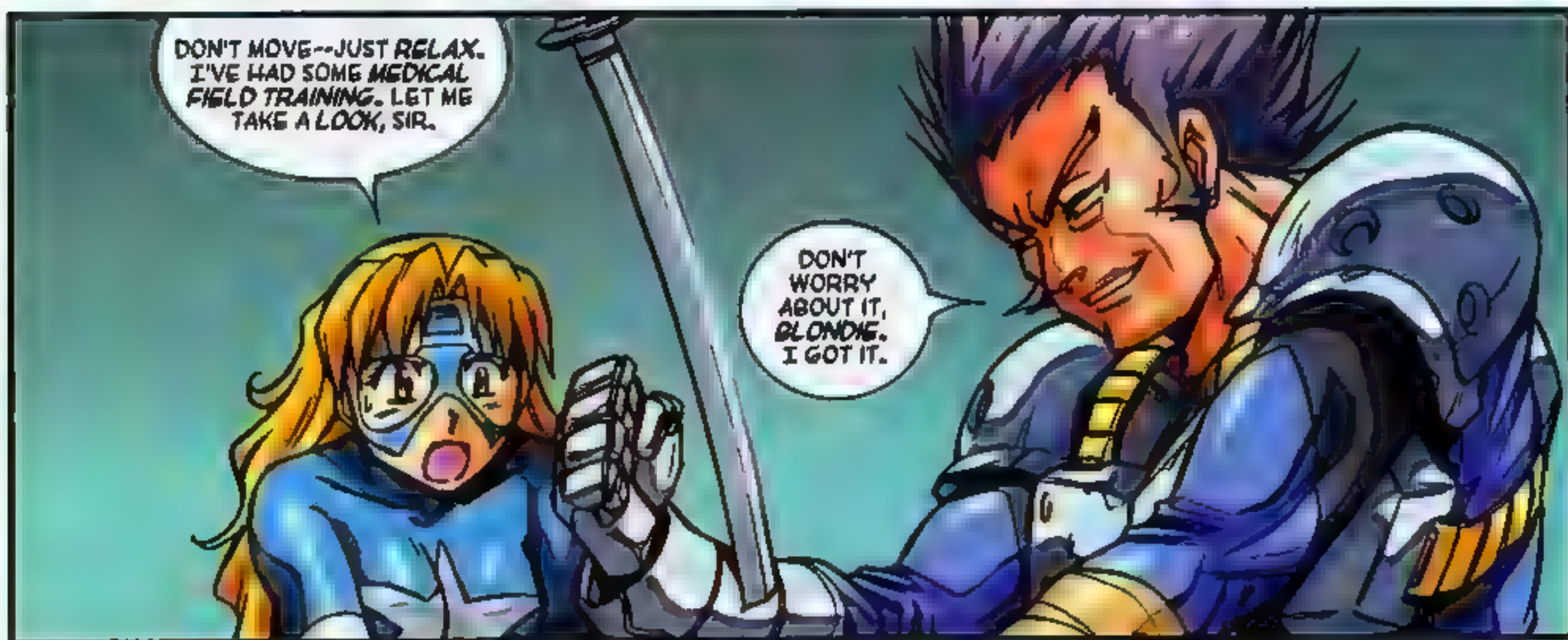
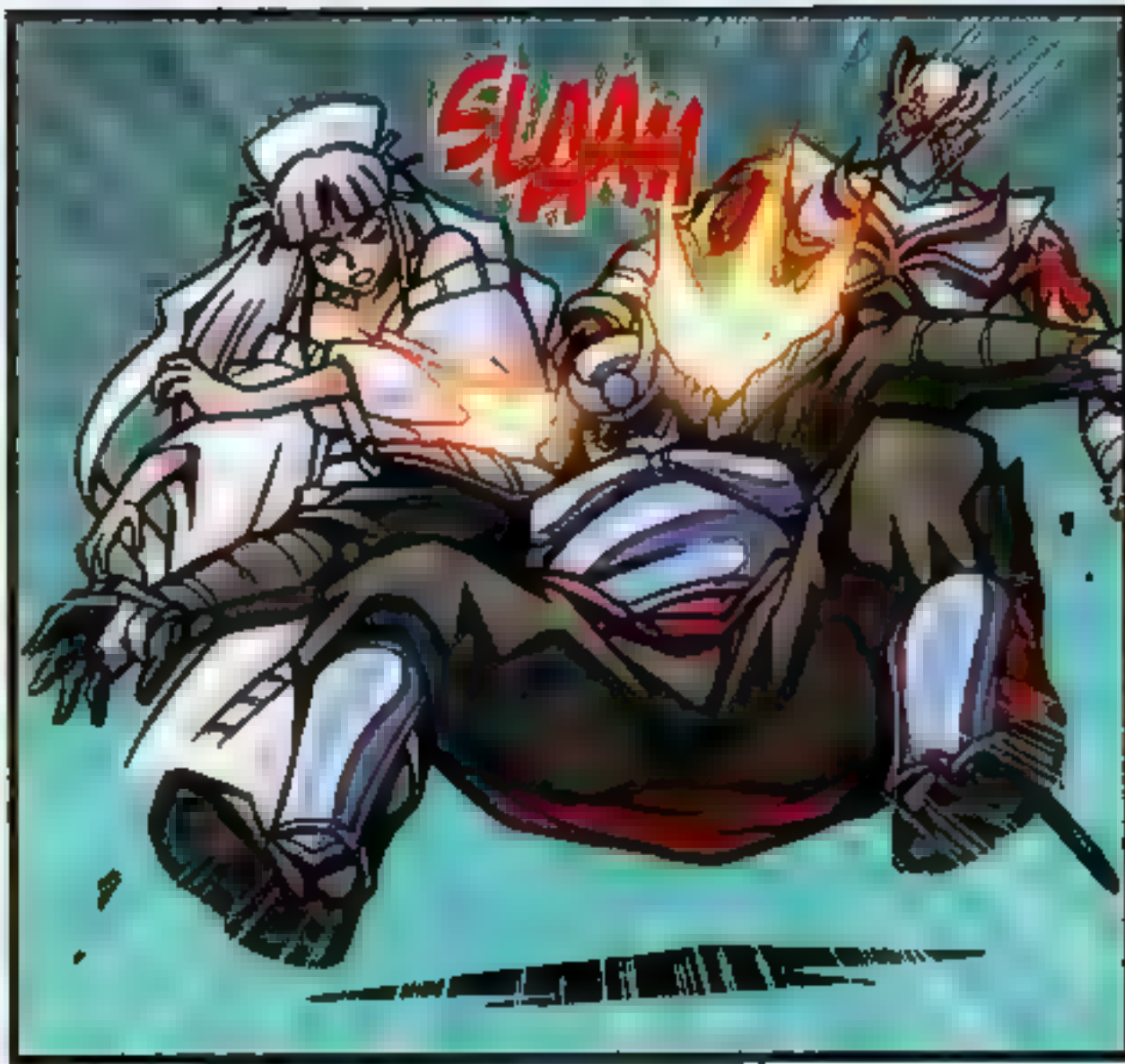
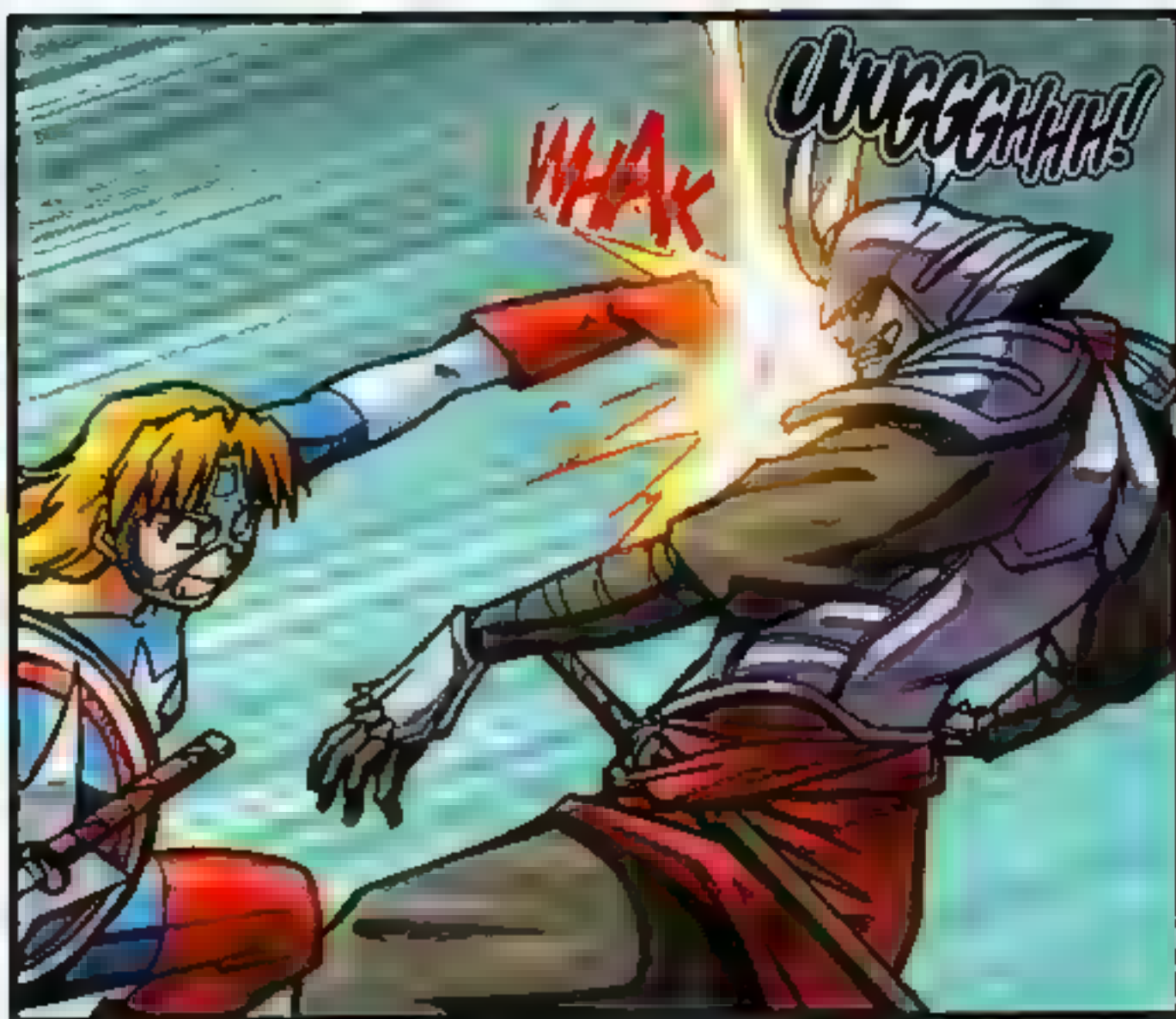


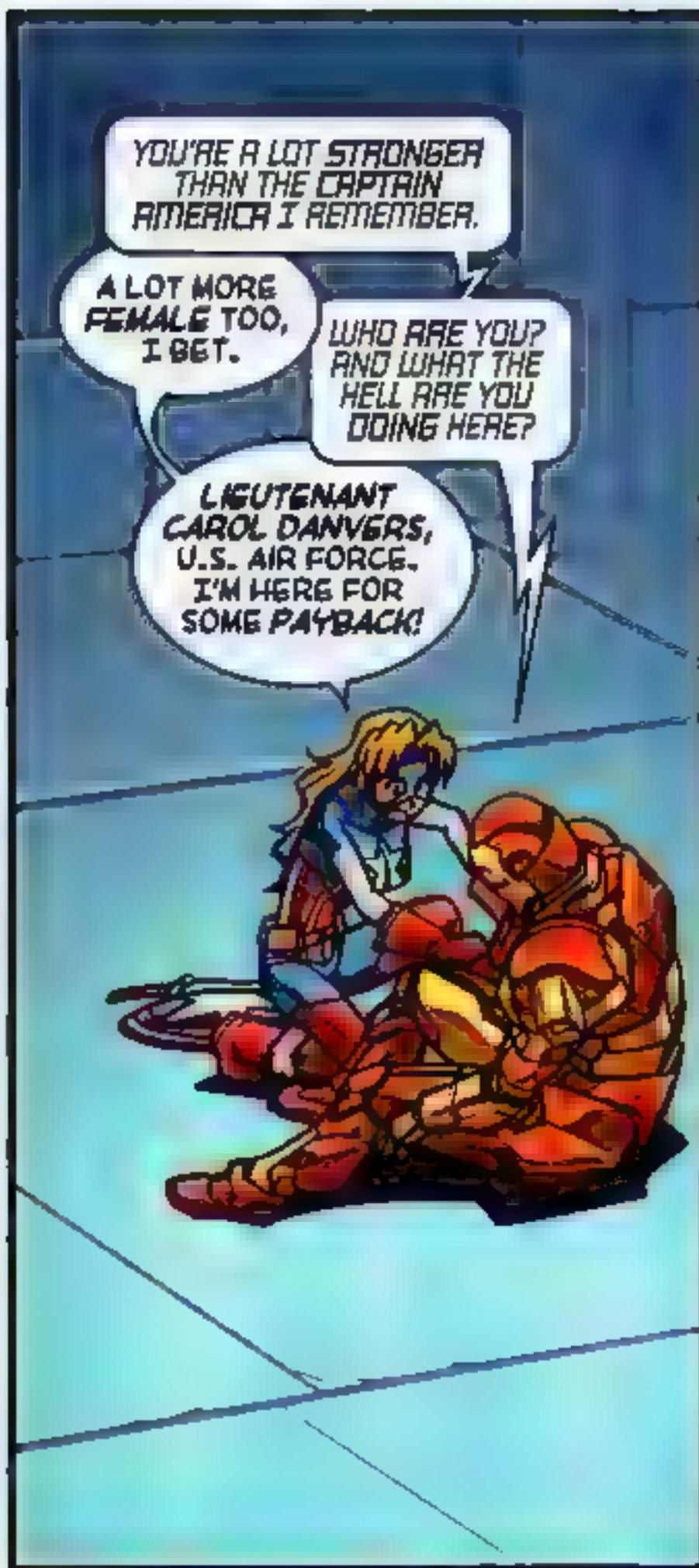
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YOU'RE A LOT STRONGER
THAN THE CAPTAIN
AMERICA I REMEMBER.

A LOT MORE
FEMALE TOO,
I BET.

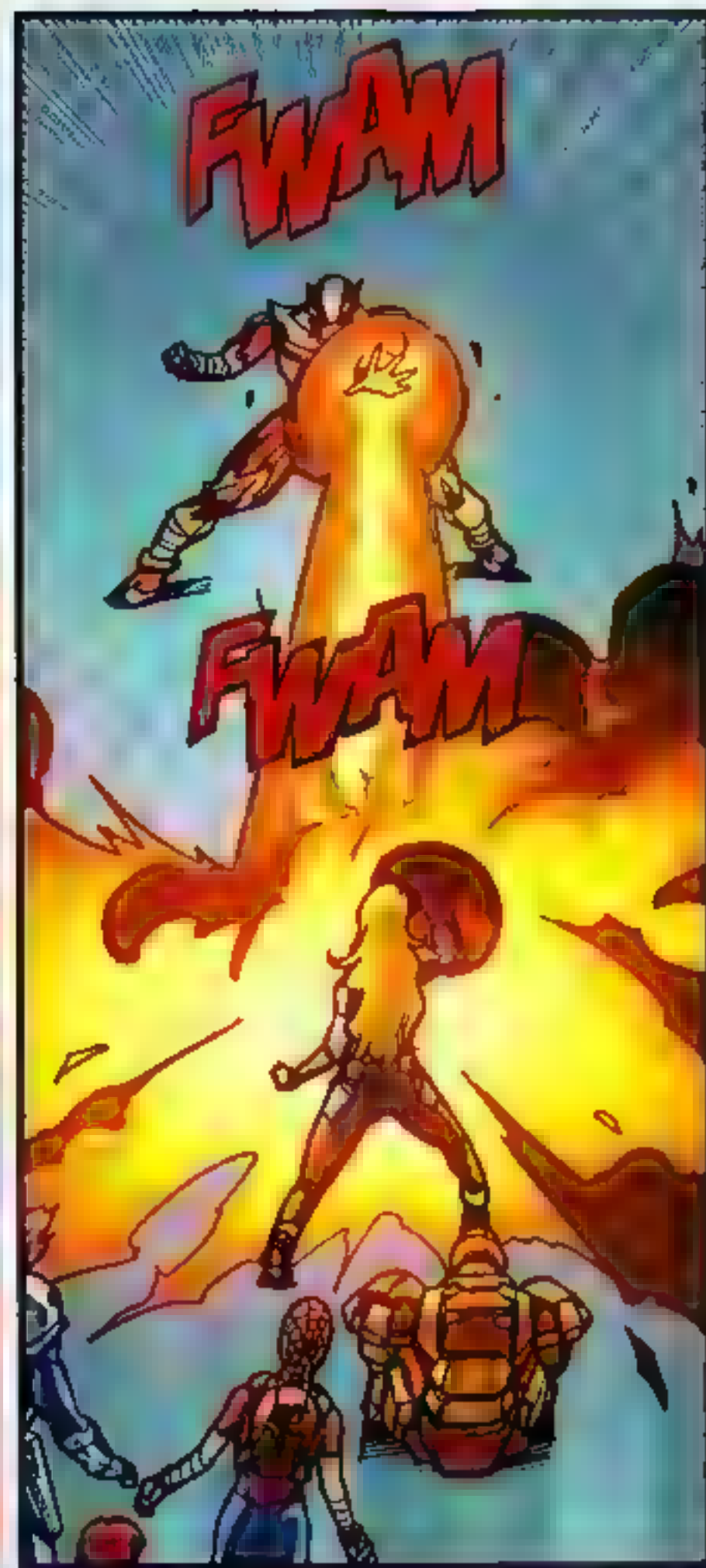
WHO ARE YOU?
AND WHAT THE
HELL ARE YOU
DOING HERE?

LIEUTENANT
CAROL DANVERS,
U.S. AIR FORCE.
I'M HERE FOR
SOME PAYBACK!



DAMN, IT'S GOING TO
TAKE ME A FEW SECONDS
TO REBOOT MY SYSTEMS,
TO ALLOW THE NANOBOTS
TO REPAIR THE
E.M.P. DAMAGE.

I'LL DO
WHAT I CAN,
BUT TRY
AND MAKE IT
QUICK!



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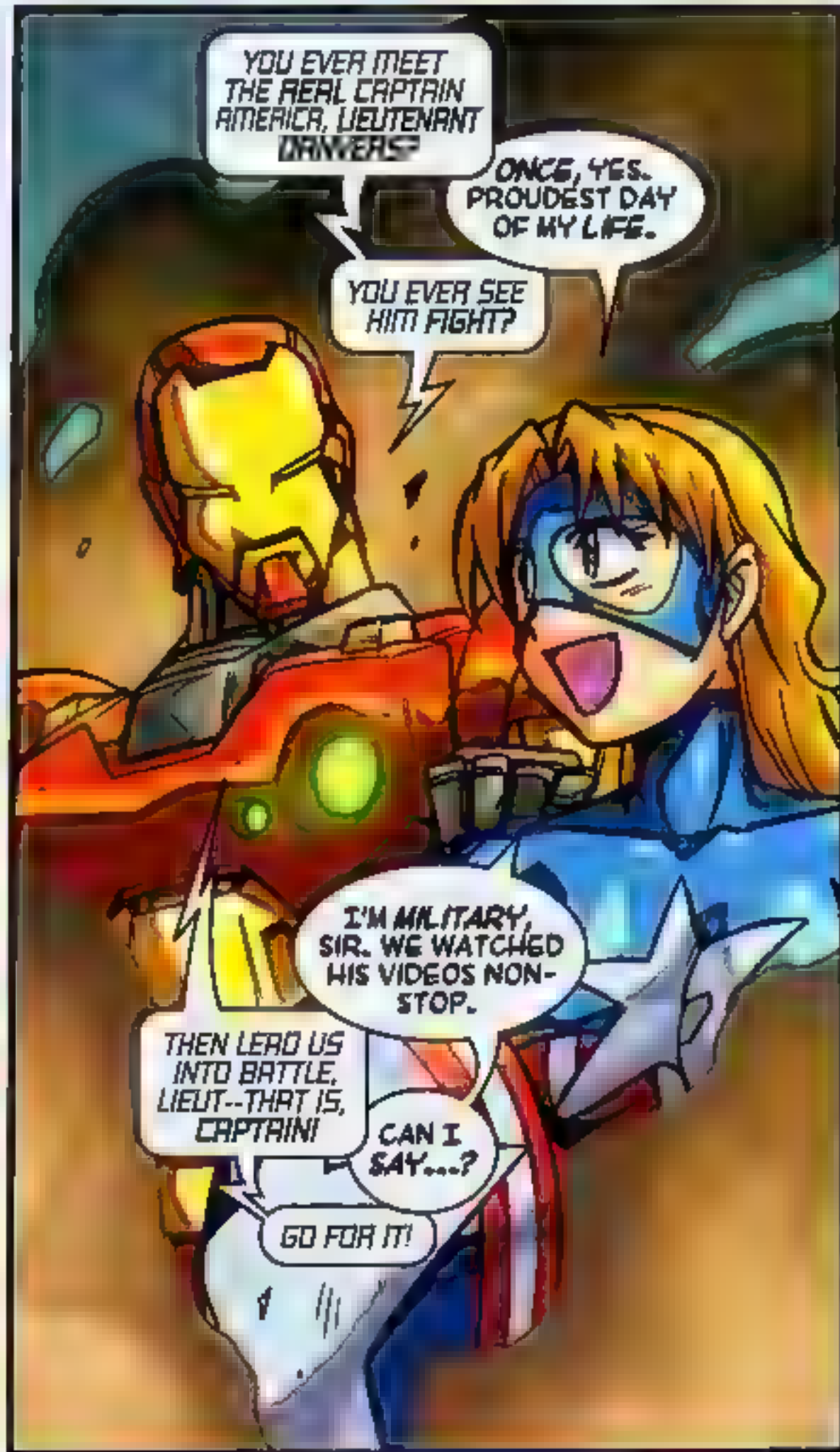
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LOOK AT
HER GO! NOW
THAT'S MY TYPE
OF WOMAN!

MING
TOO.

YOU GOT
A THING FOR
BLONDES
NOW?!



YOU EVER MEET
THE REAL CAPTAIN
AMERICA, LIEUTENANT
DANVERS?

ONCE, YES.
PROUDEST DAY
OF MY LIFE.

YOU EVER SEE
HIM FIGHT?

I'M MILITARY,
SIR. WE WATCHED
HIS VIDEOS NON-
STOP.

THEN LEAD US
INTO BATTLE,
LIEUT--THAT IS,
CAPTAIN!

CAN I
SAY...?

GO FOR IT!



AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

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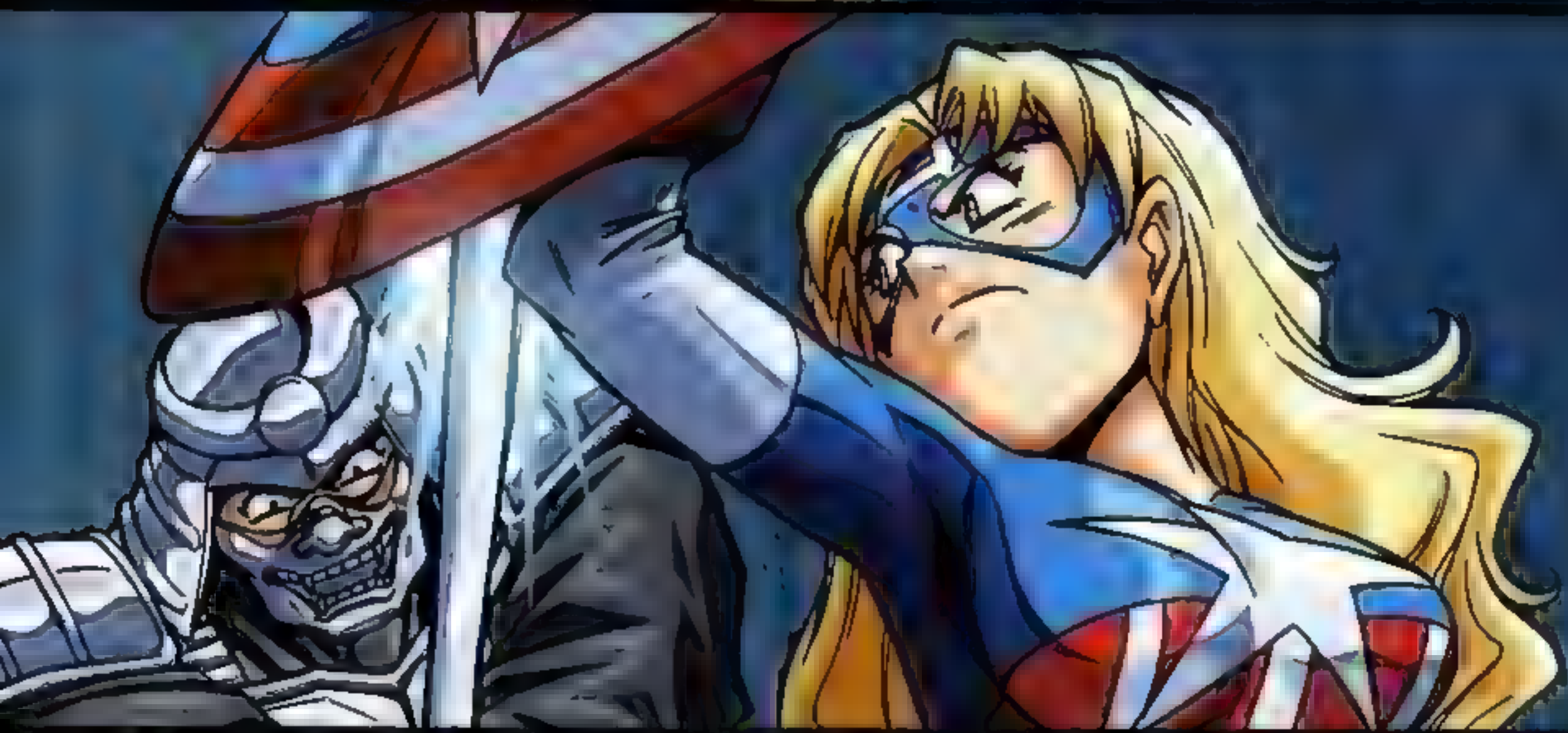
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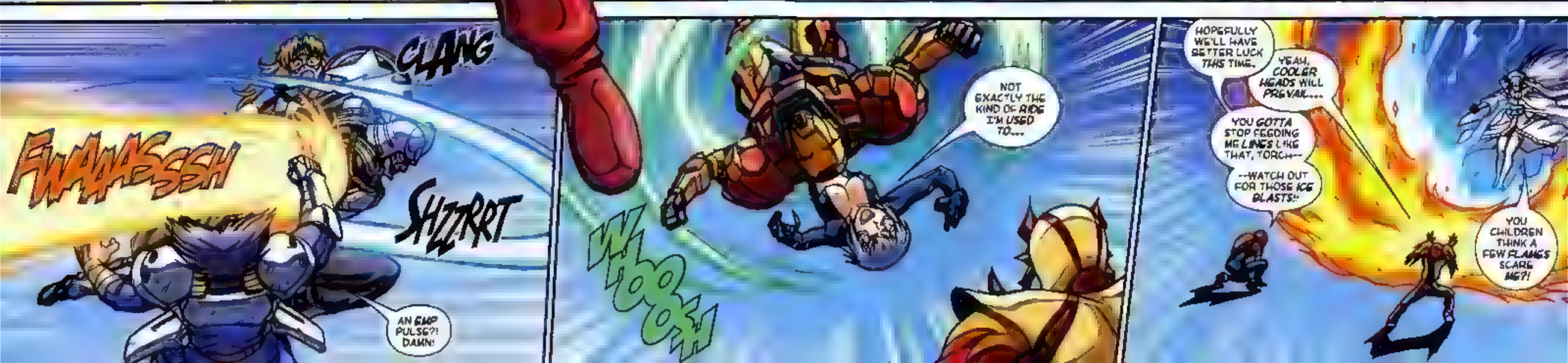
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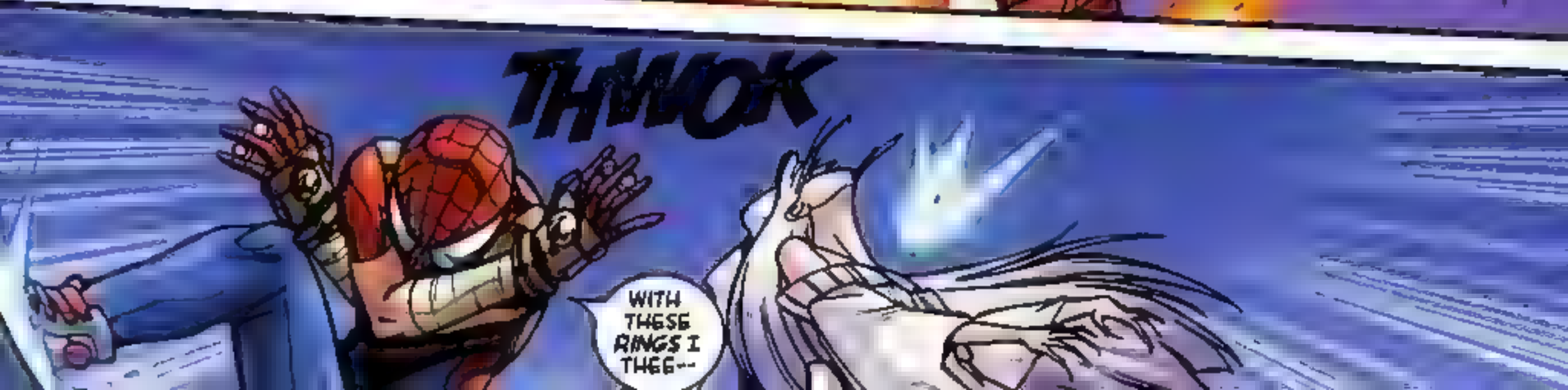
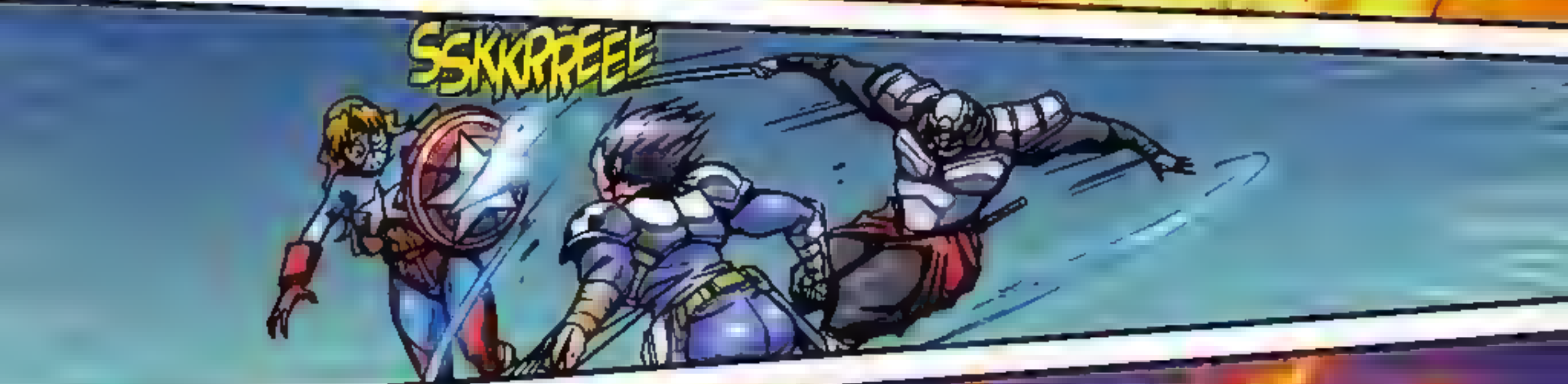
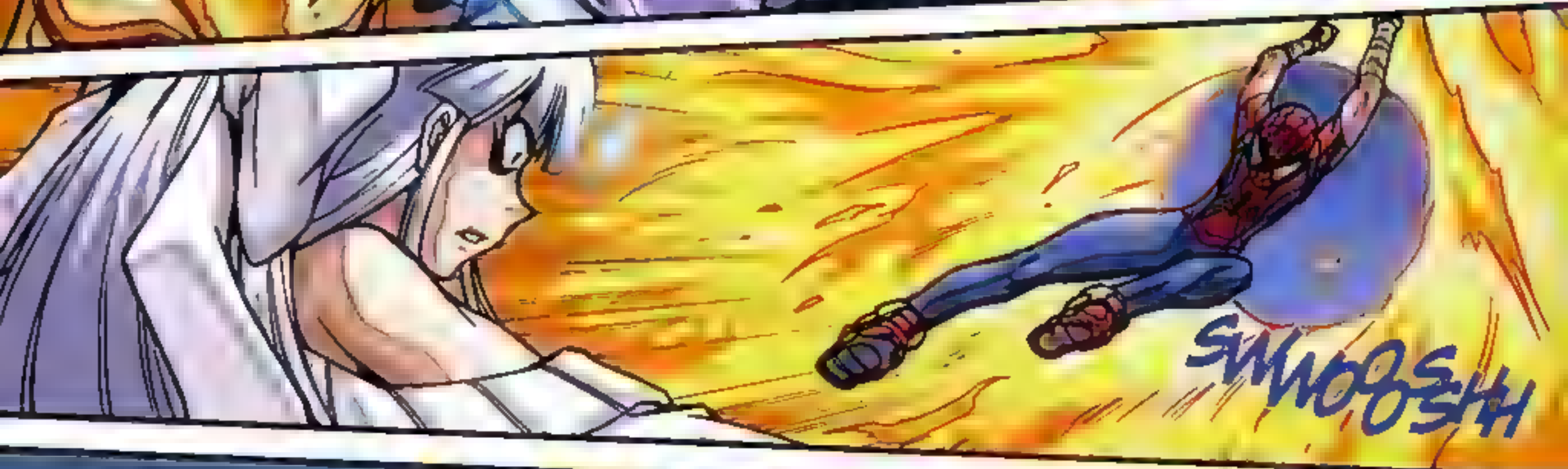
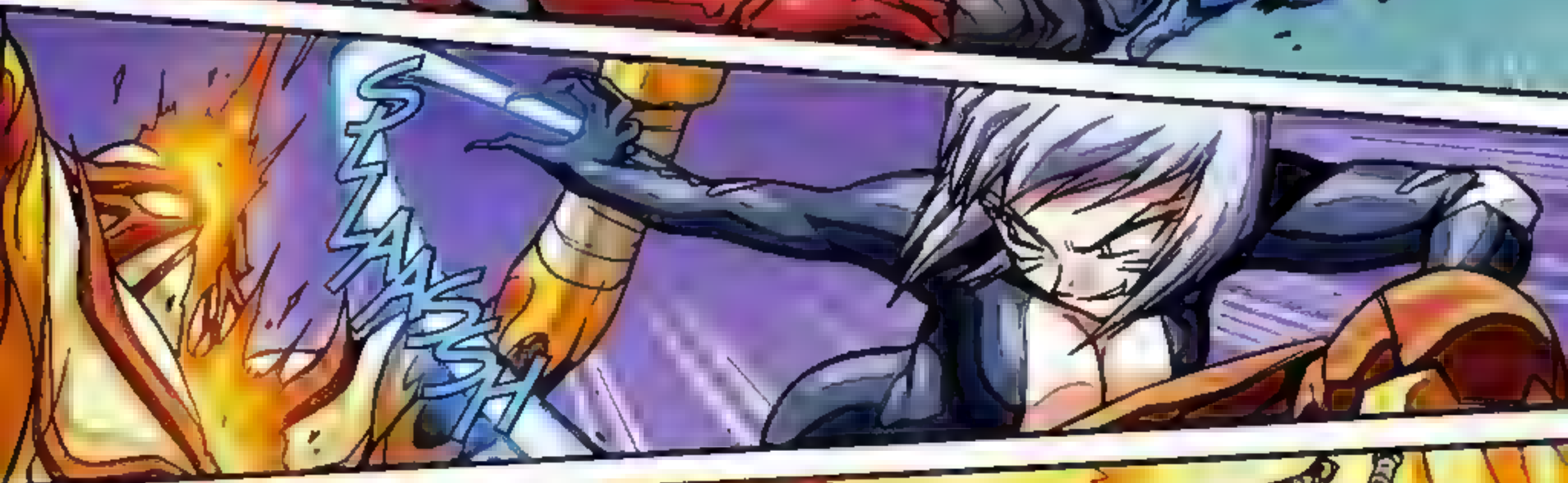
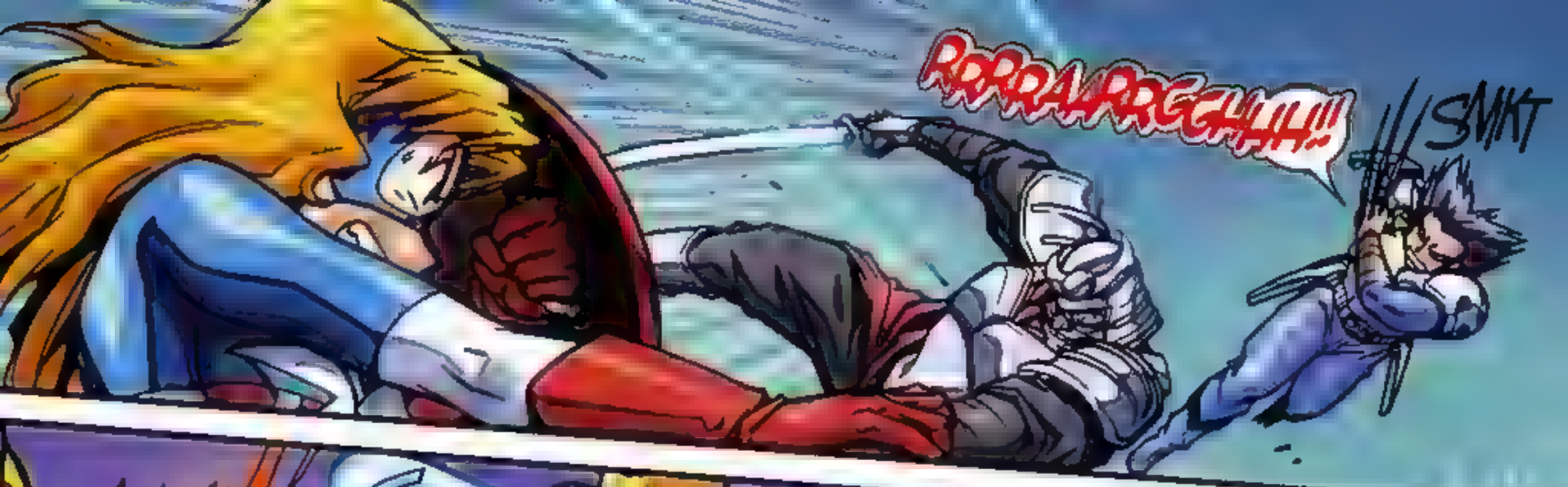
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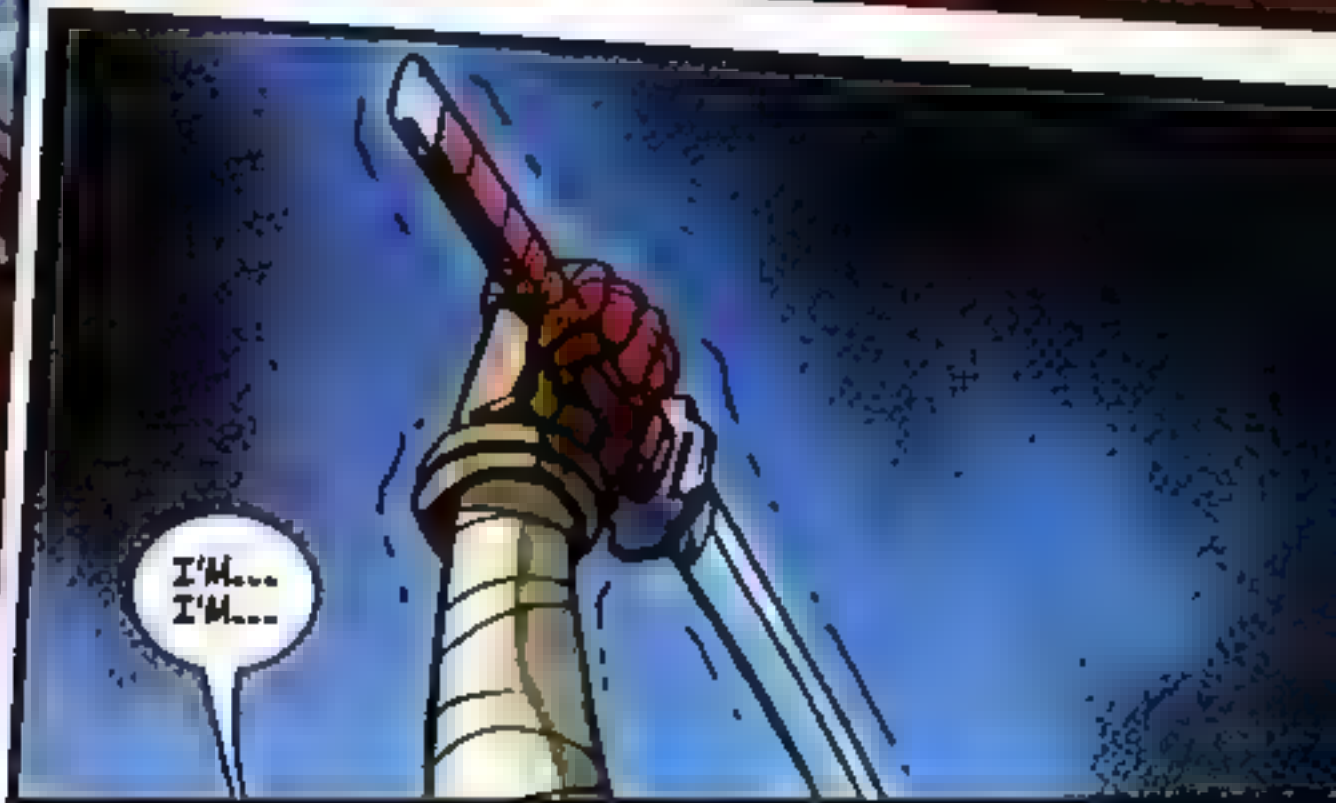
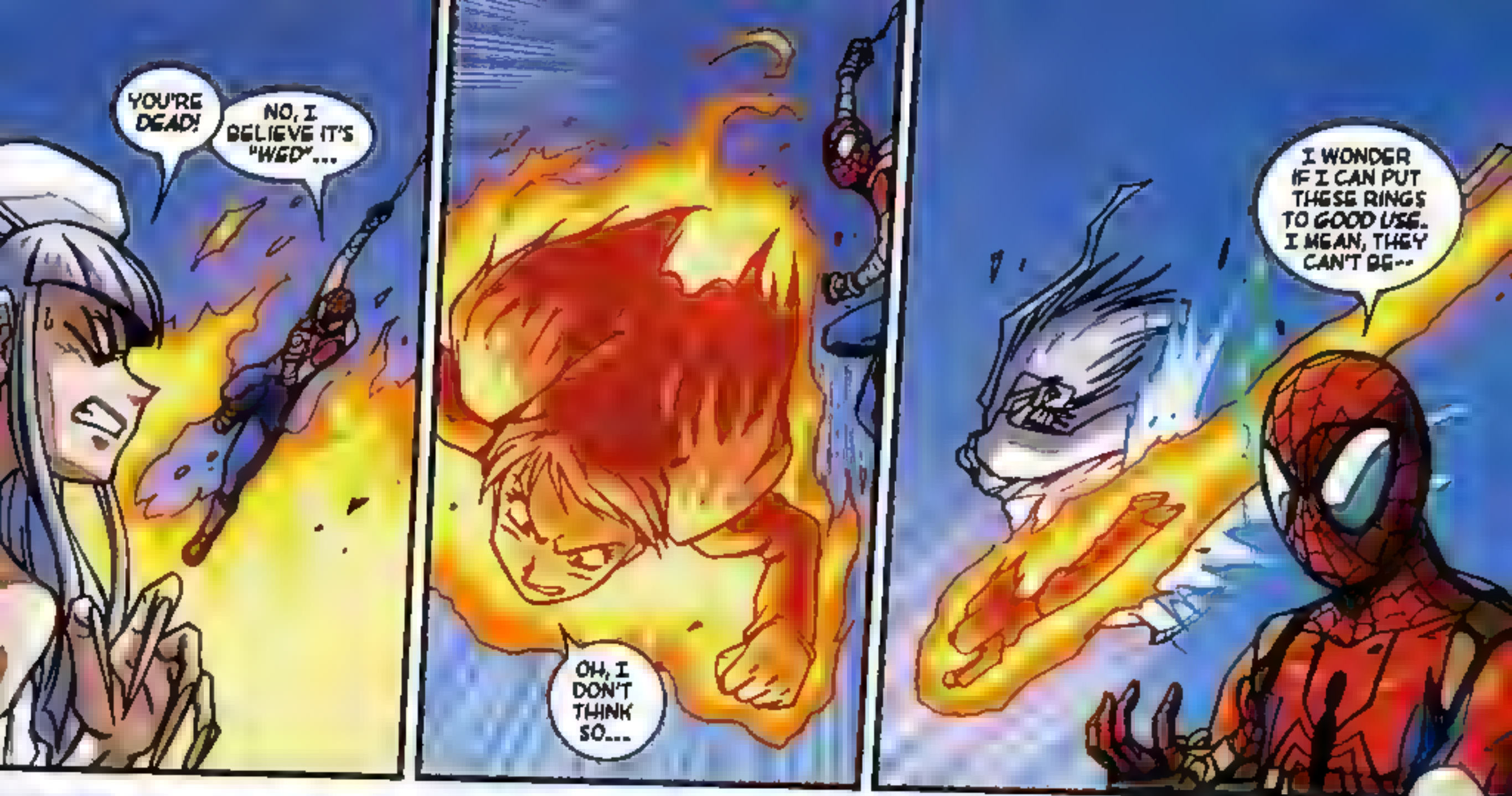
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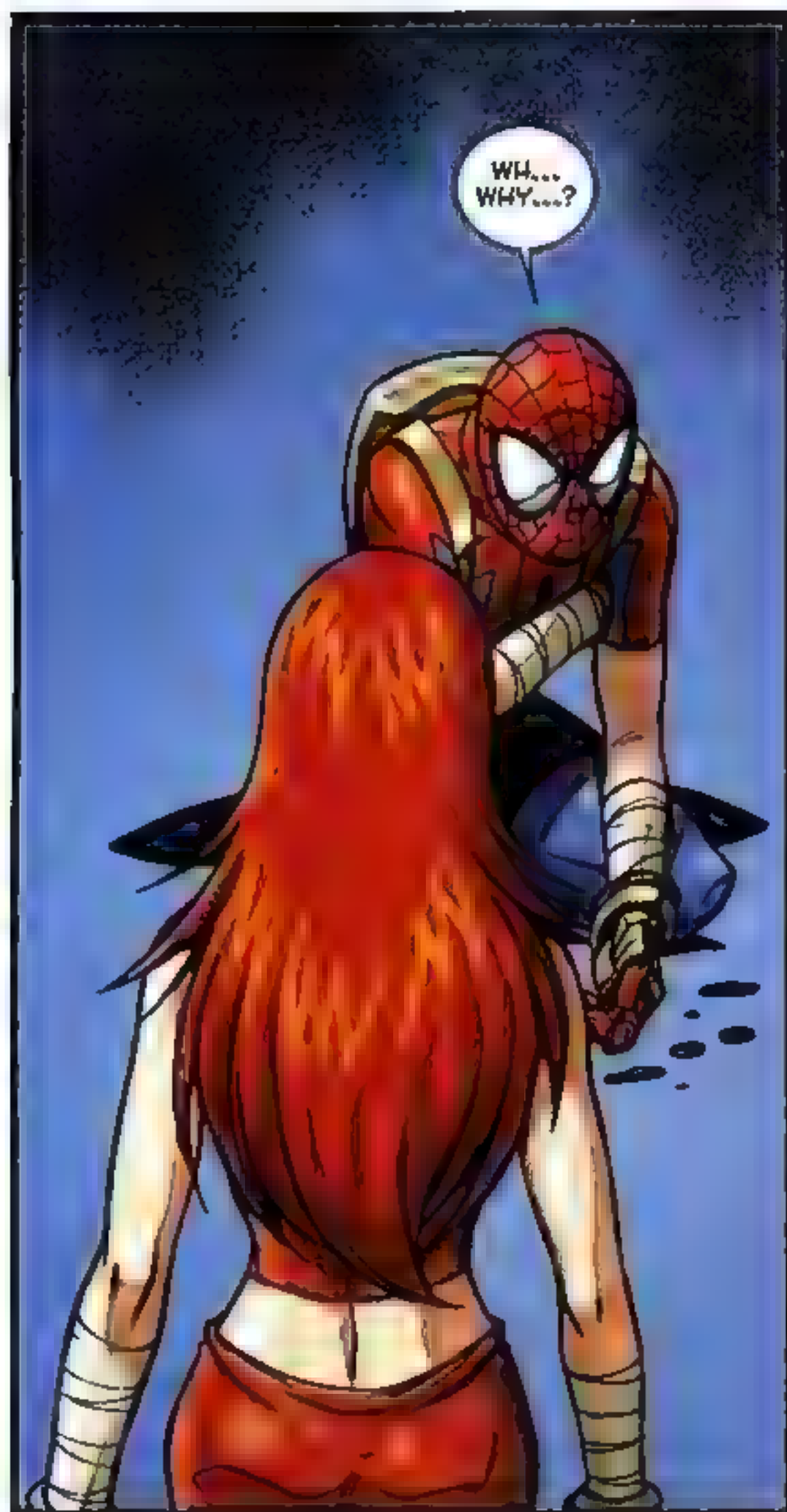
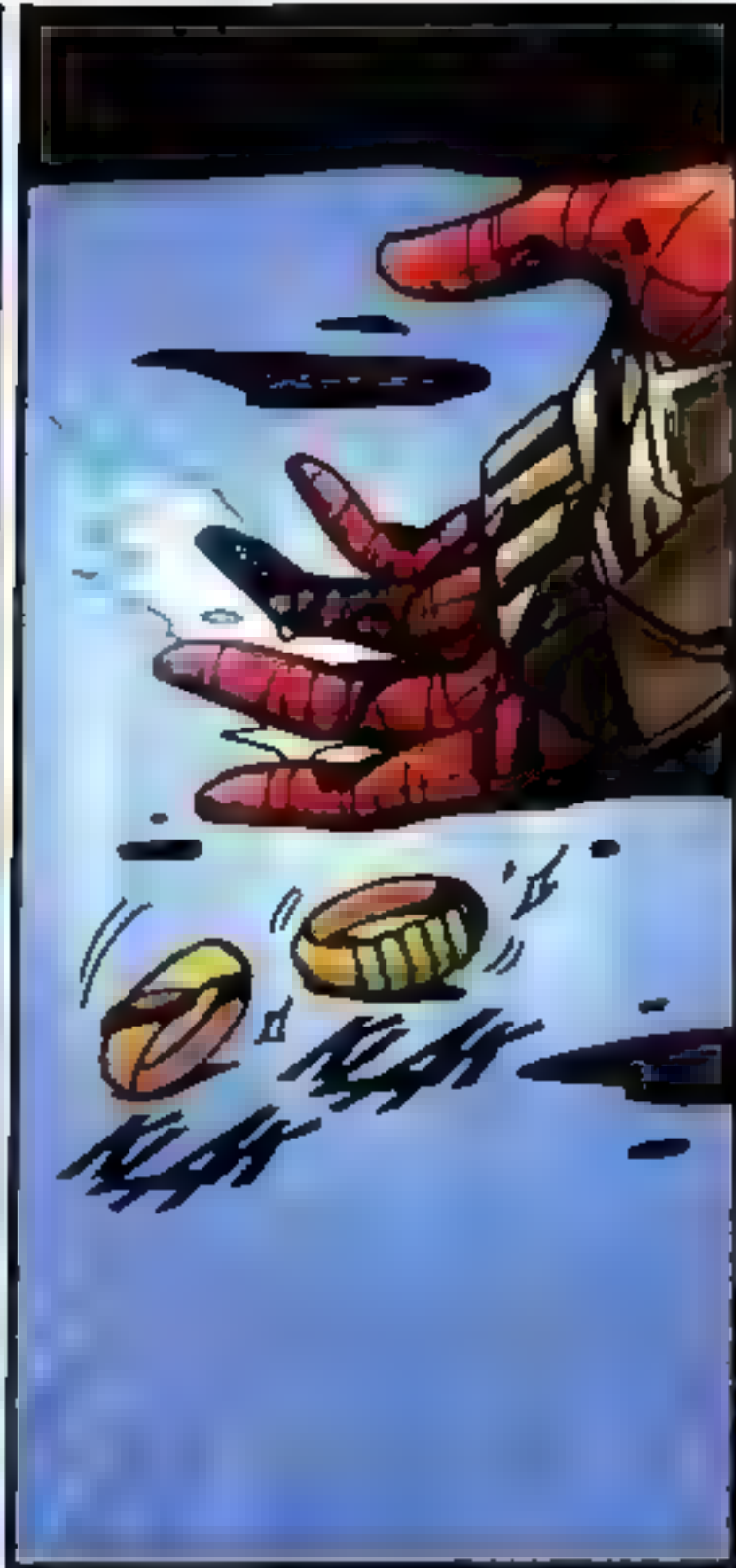
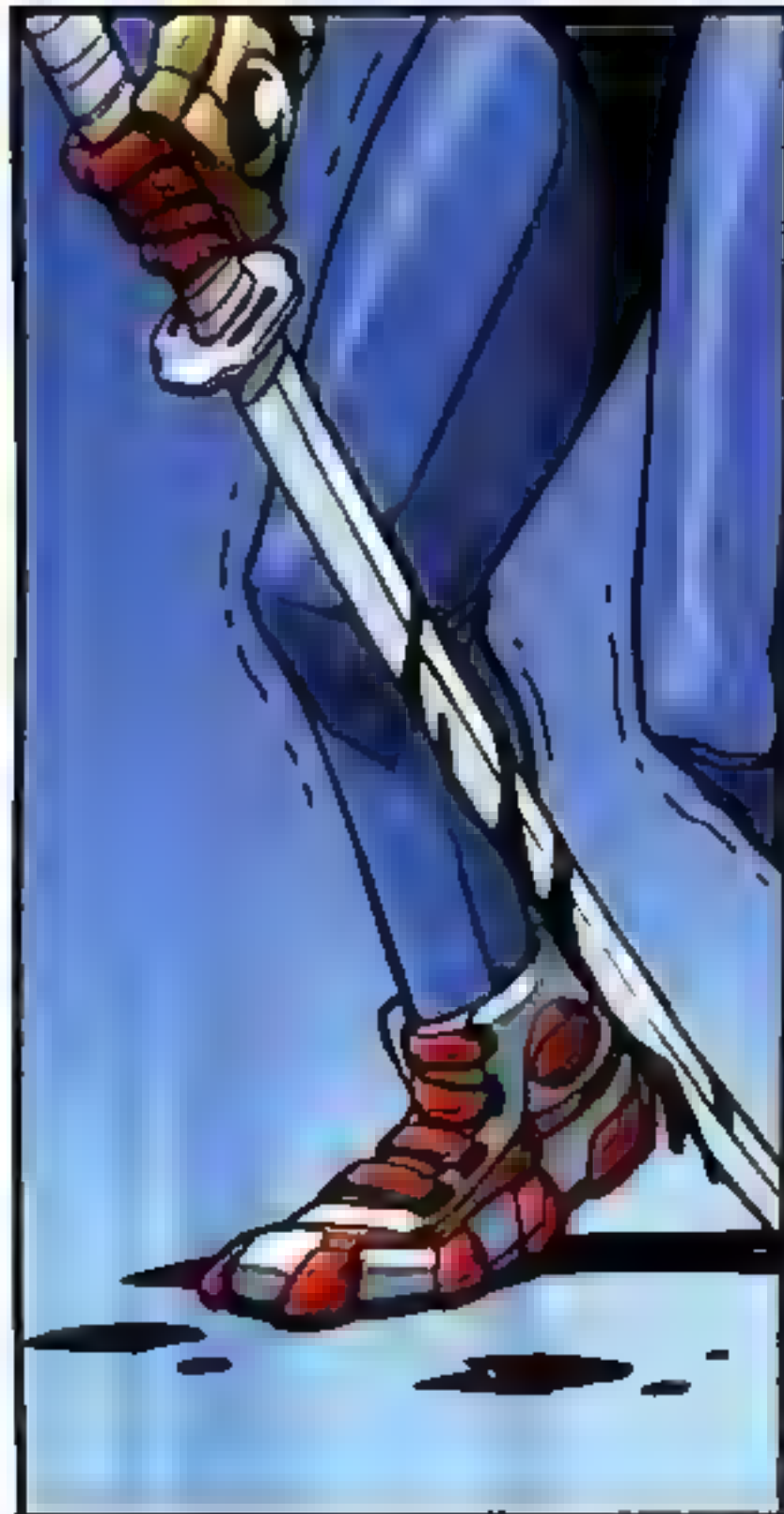
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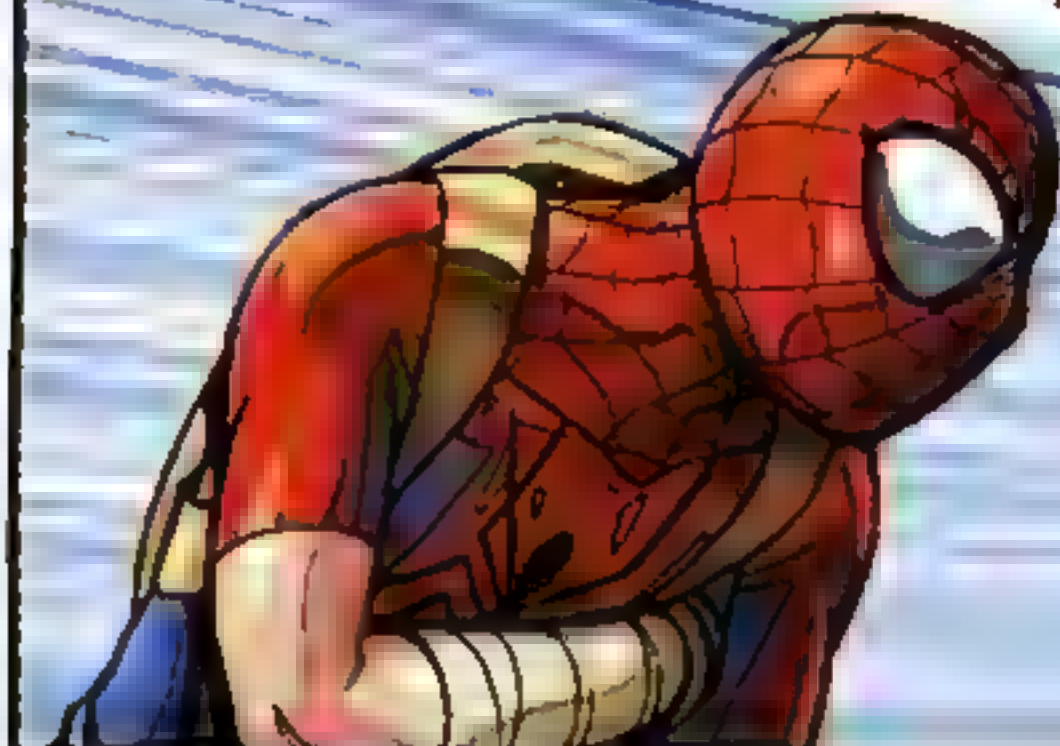




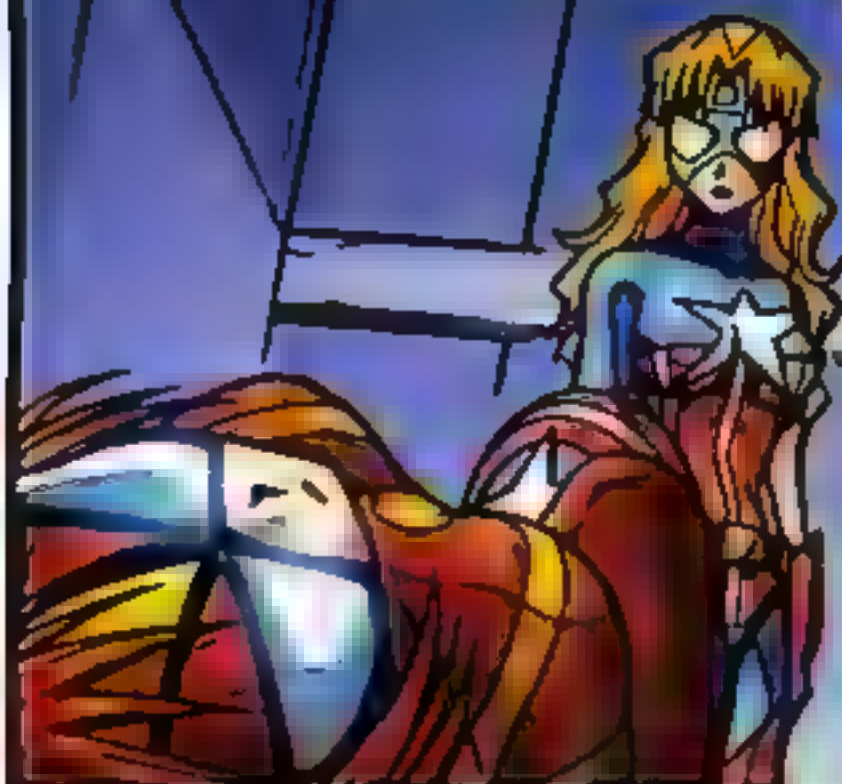


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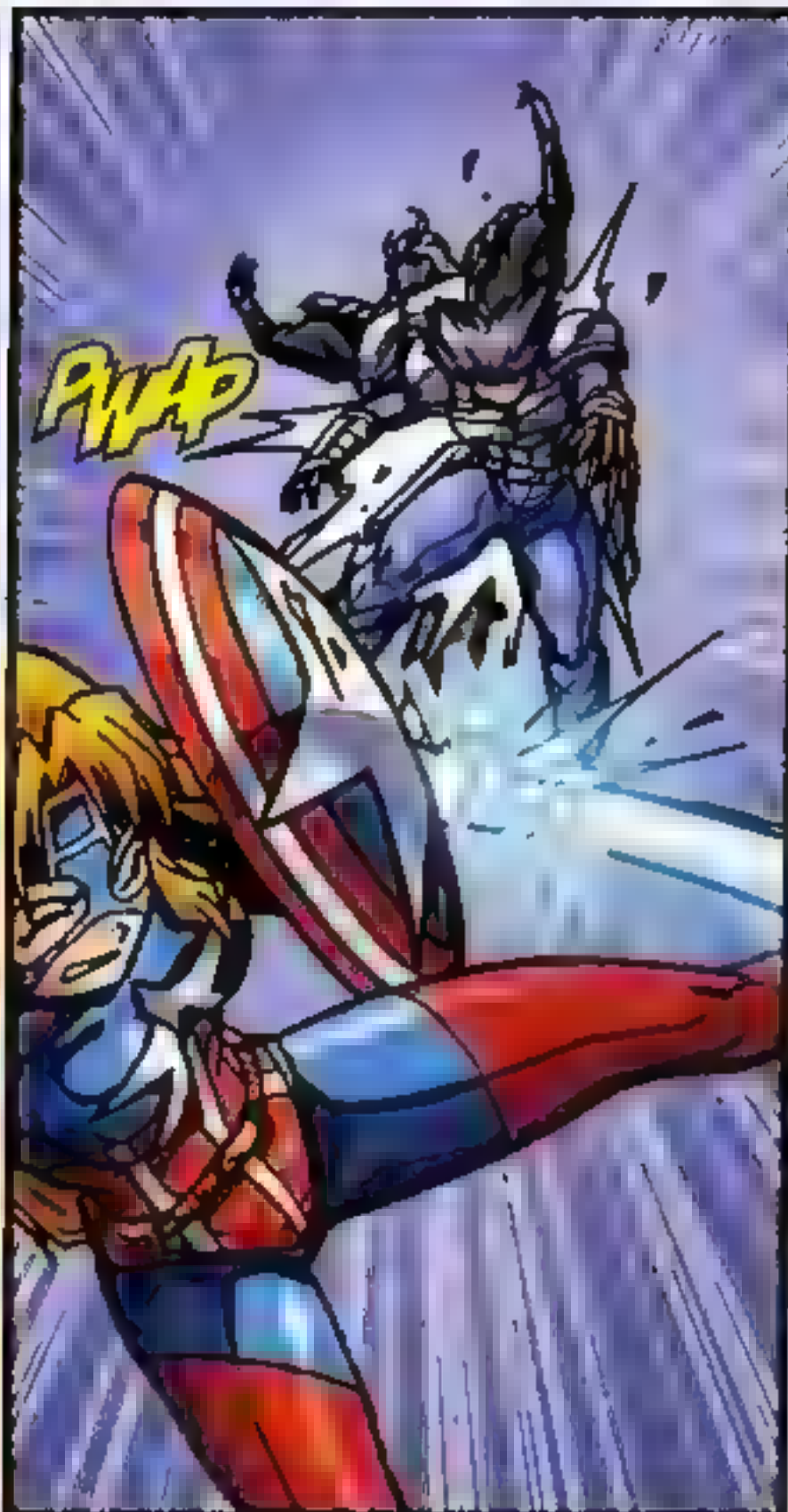
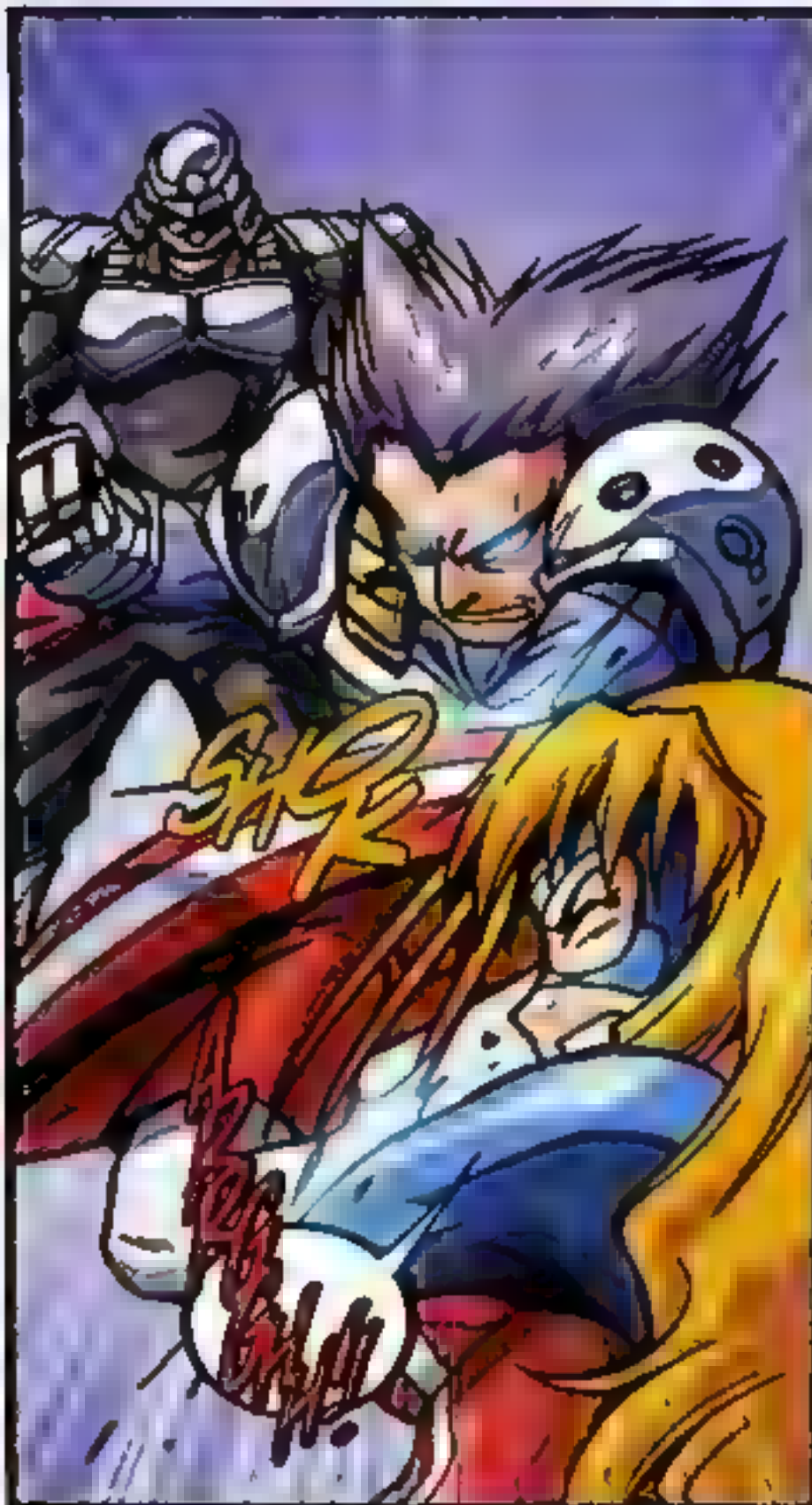


SOMETHING'S
WRONG WITH
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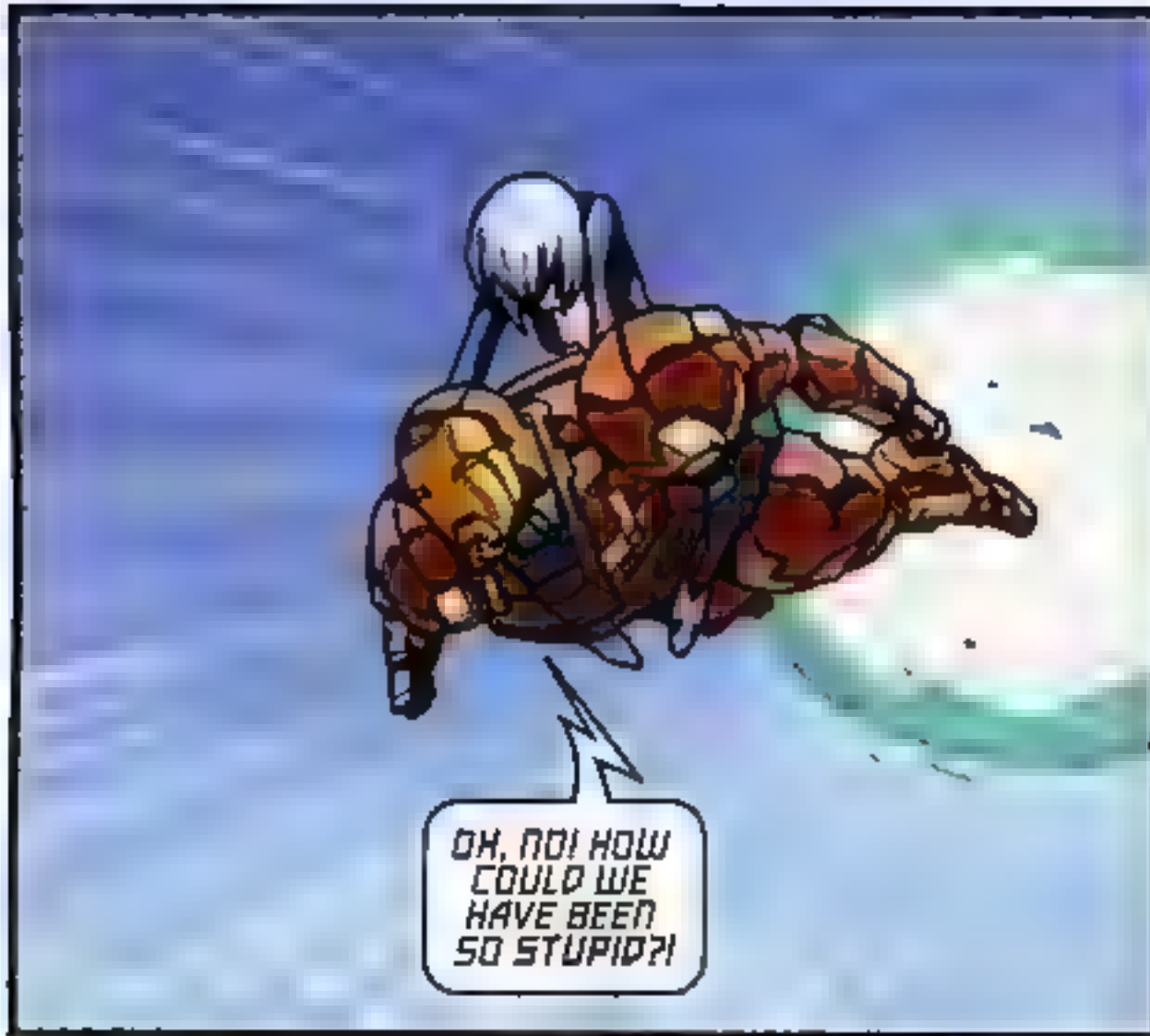
YOU'RE...
TELLING
ME...

LOOK OUT!
BEHIND...
YOU...

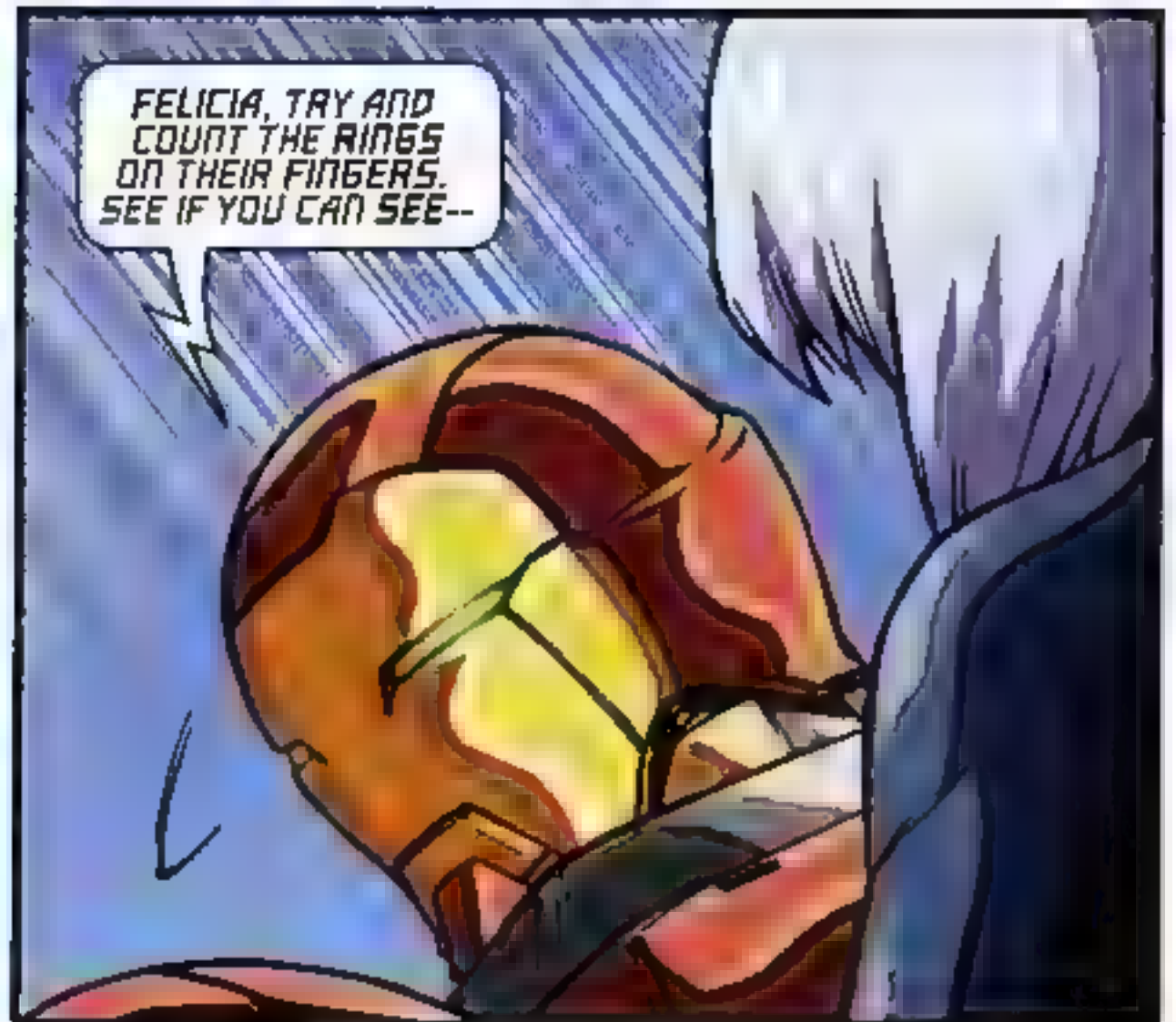


I'M NOT INVULNERABLE
TO EVERYTHING,
I GUESS...

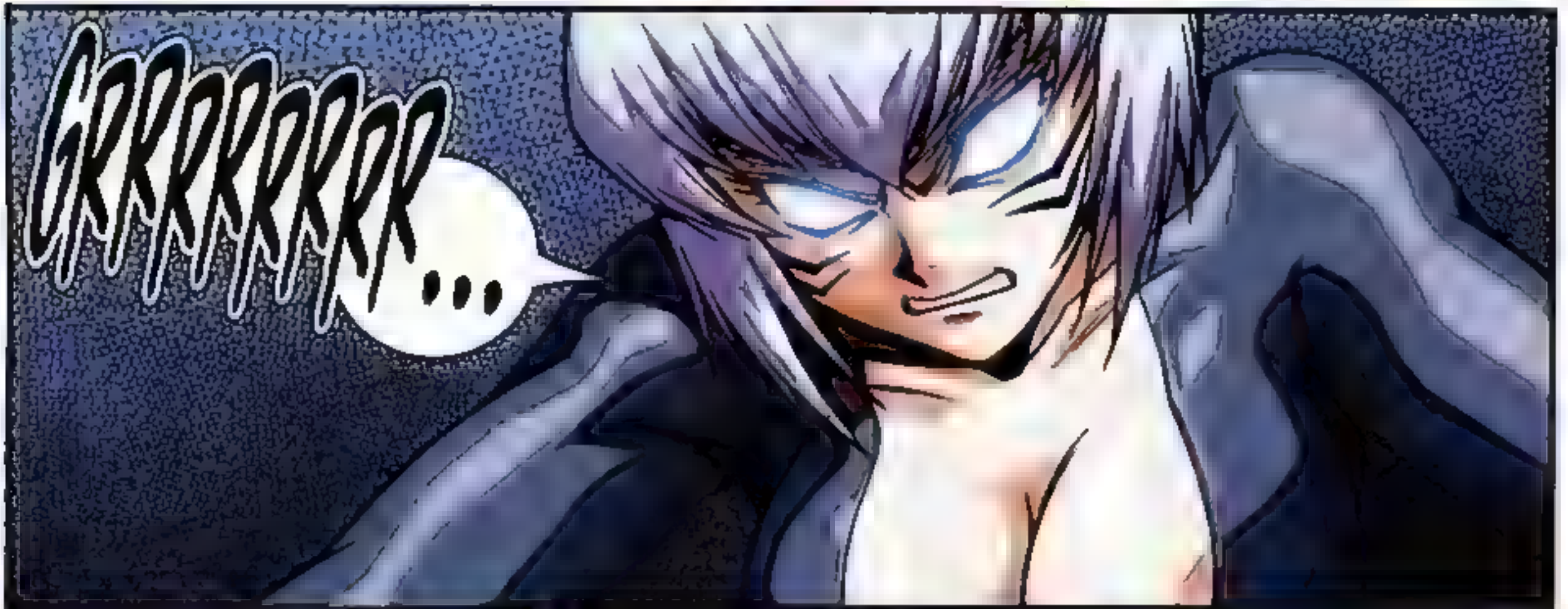




OH, NO! HOW
COULD WE
HAVE BEEN
SO STUPID?!



FELICIA, TRY AND
COUNT THE RINGS
ON THEIR FINGERS.
SEE IF YOU CAN SEE--

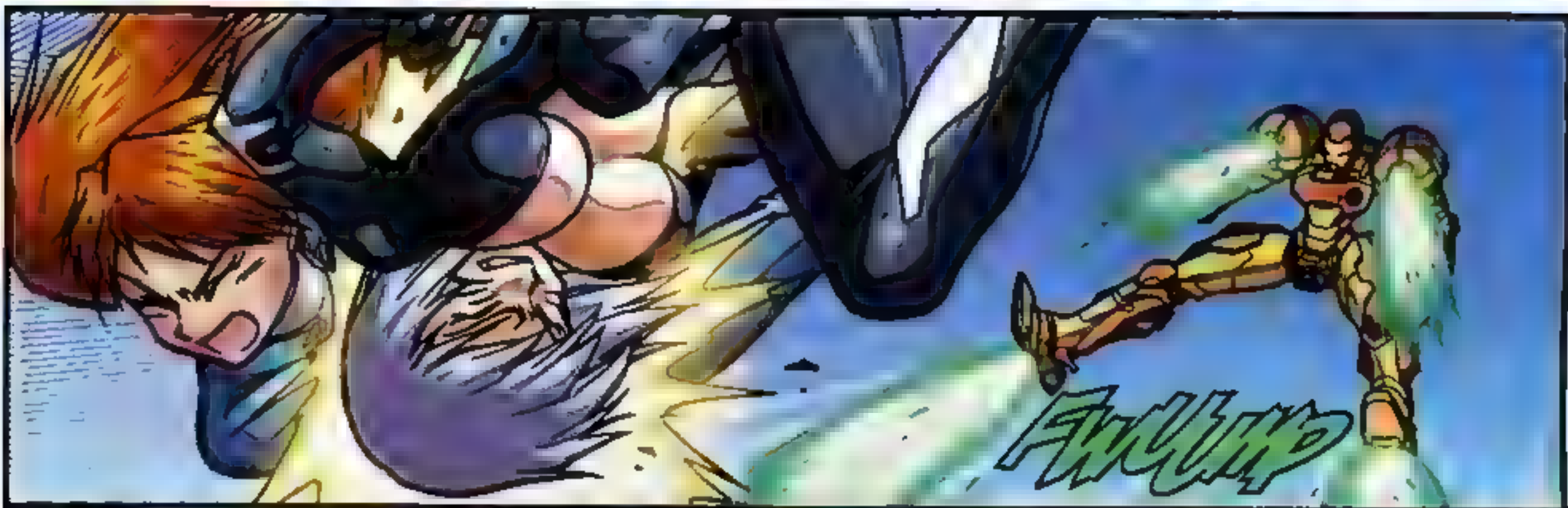


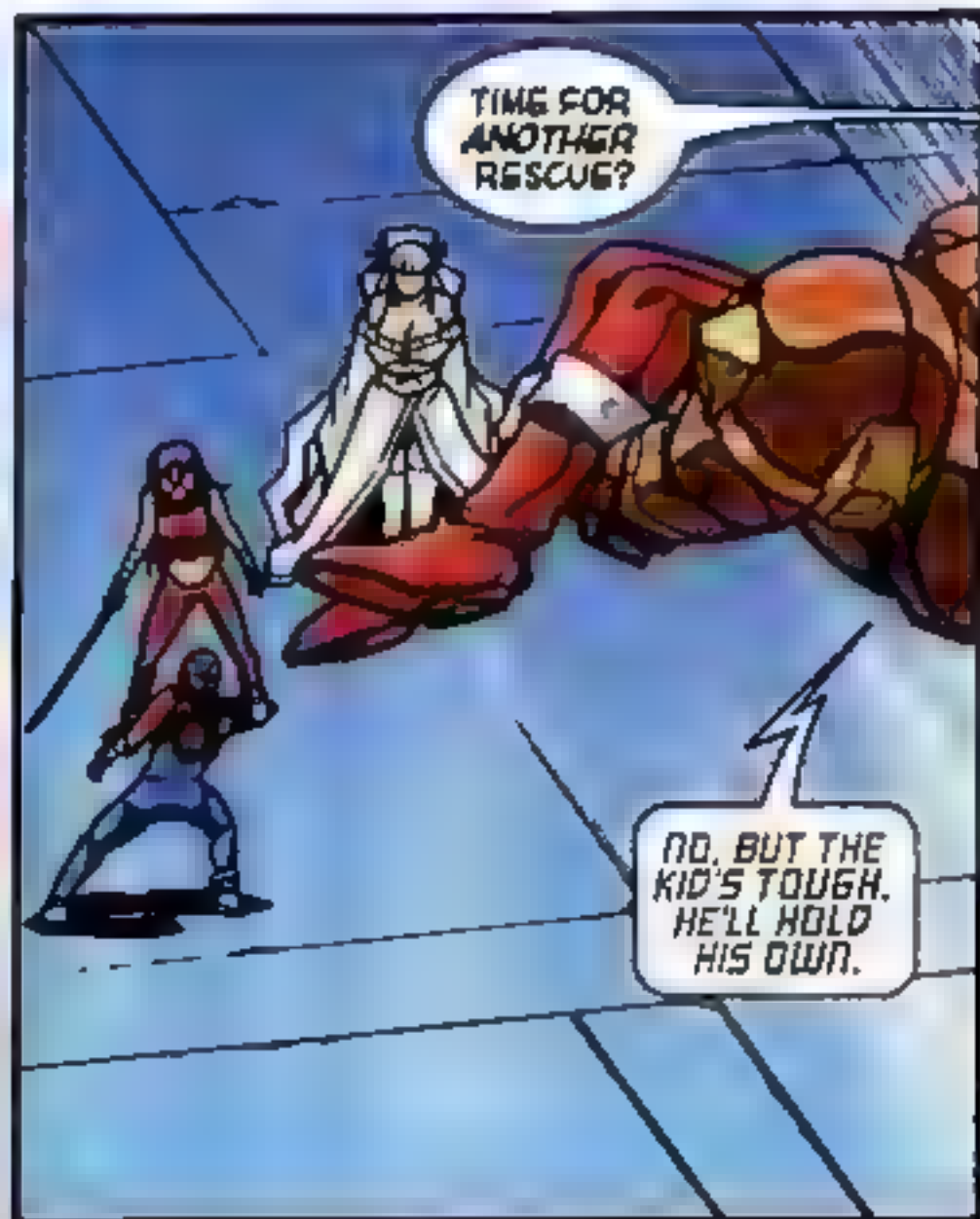
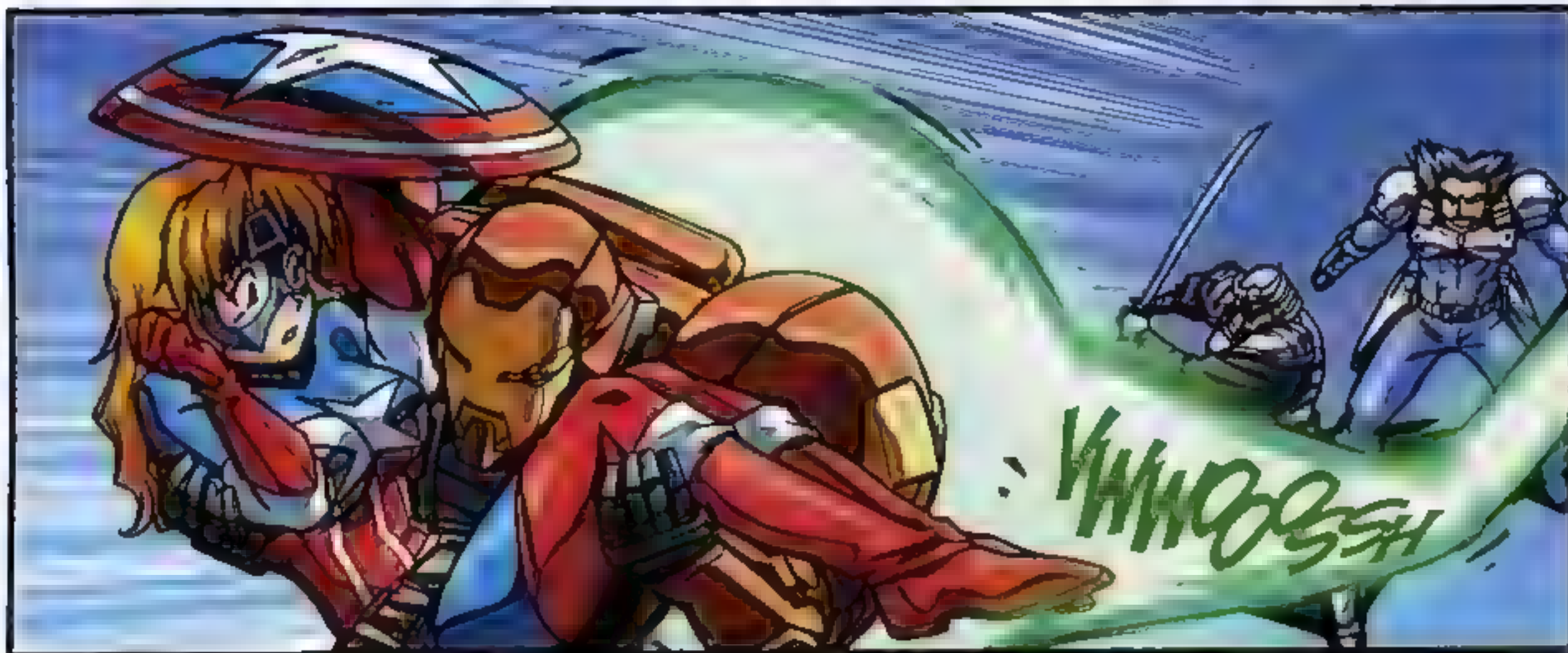
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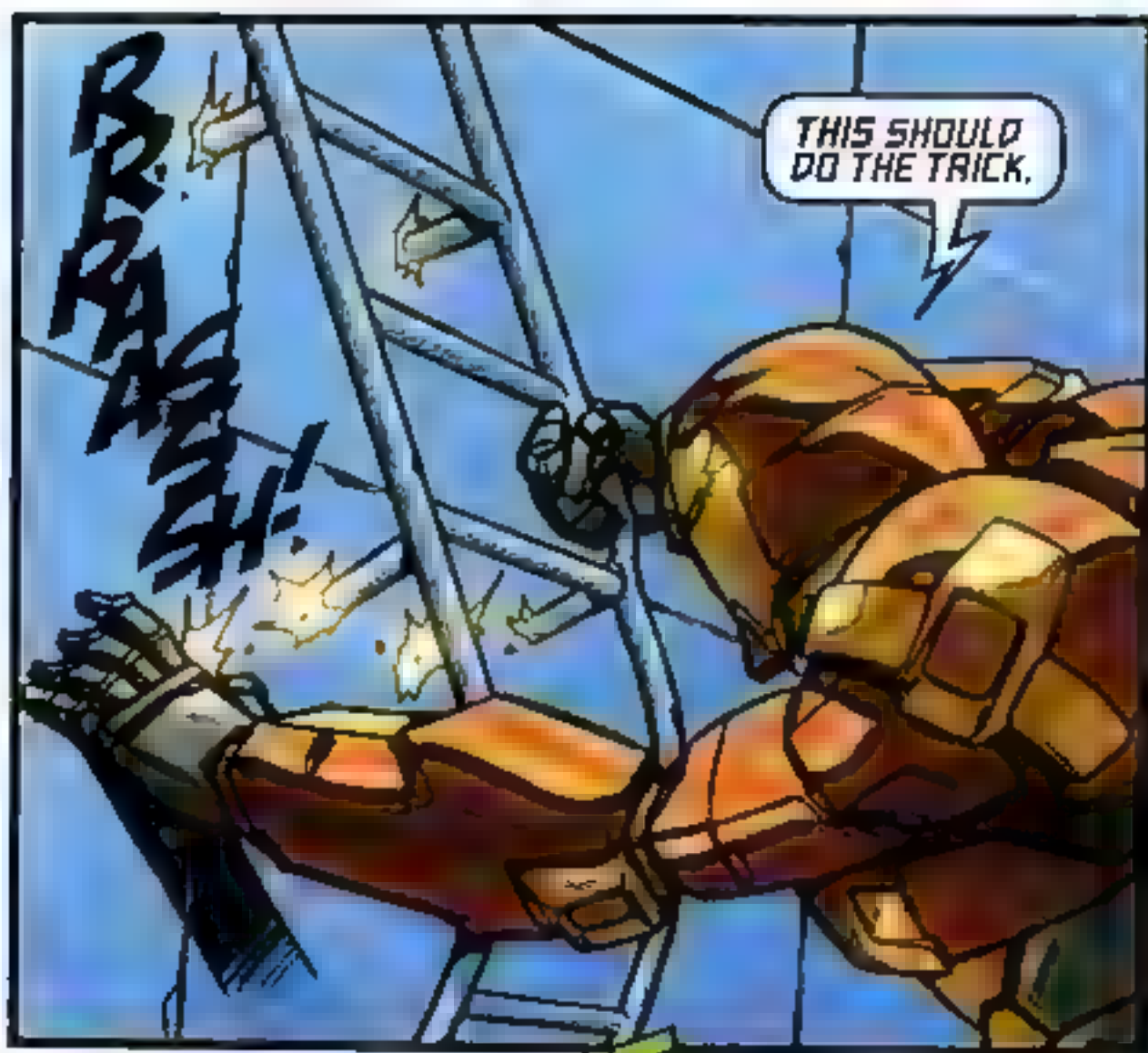


SPRRATCH









THIS SHOULD
DO THE TRICK.



FIRST
THINGS
FIRST...

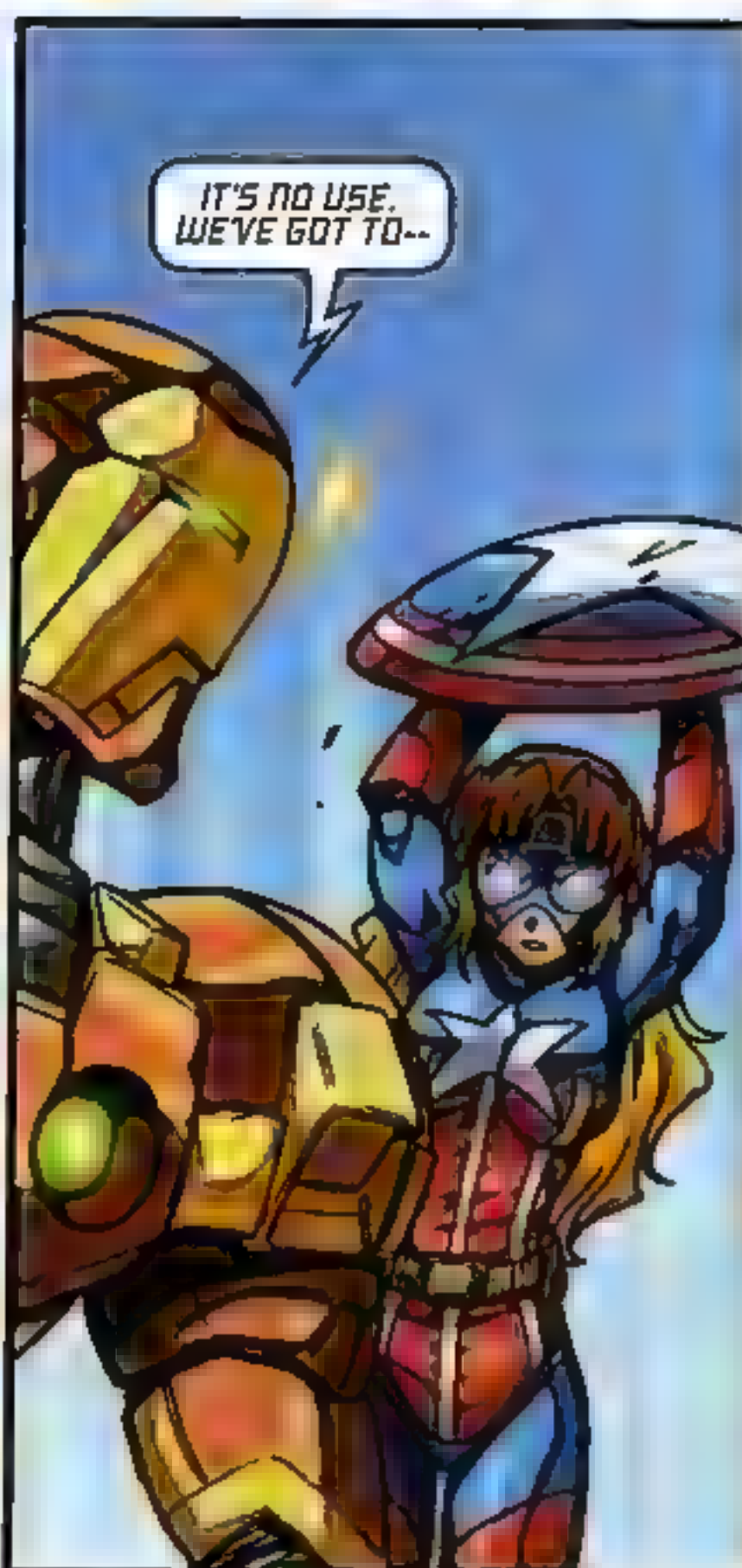


THE ALLOY SHOULD
CONDUCT THE NEURAL
PULSE AND KNOCK
THEM BACK TO THEIR--

WHAT? IT'S
NOT WORKING!!

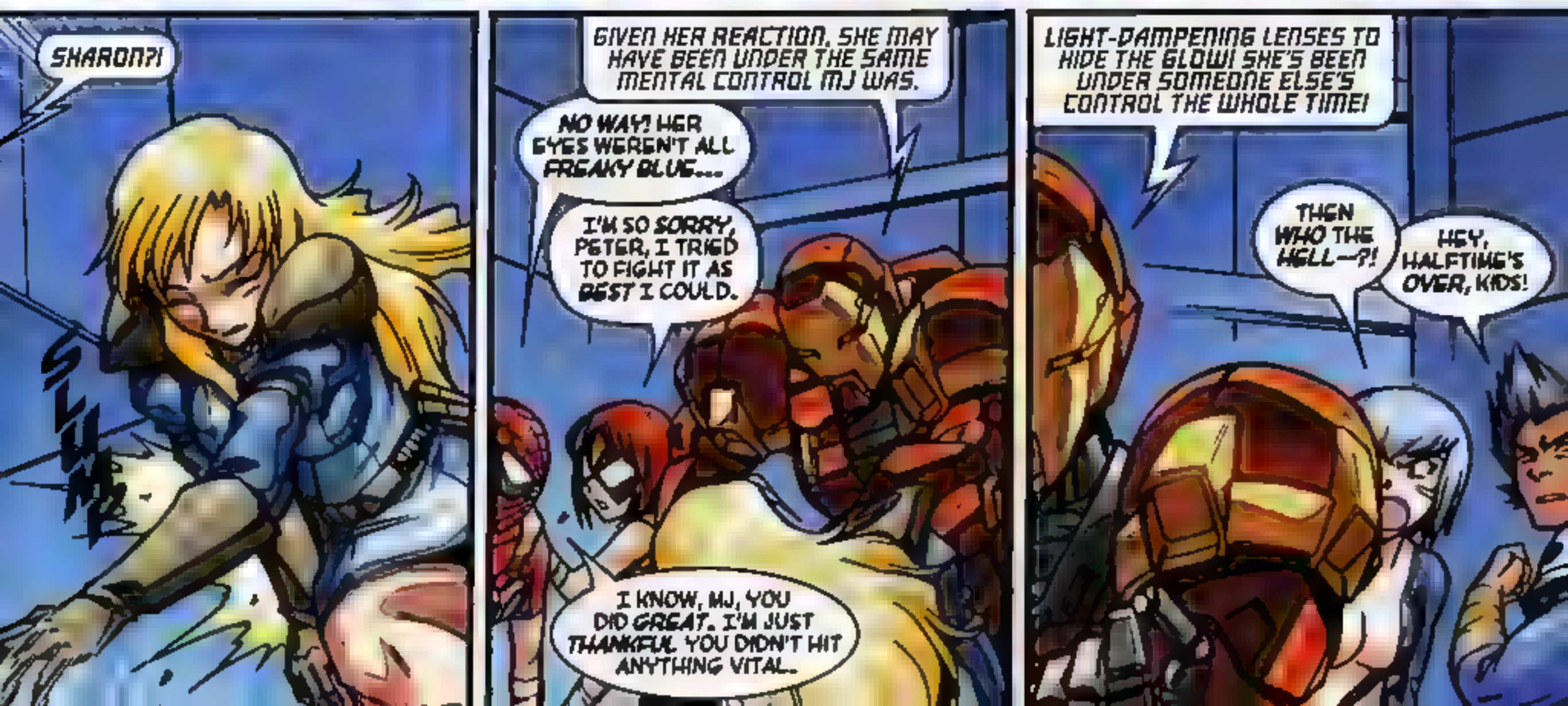
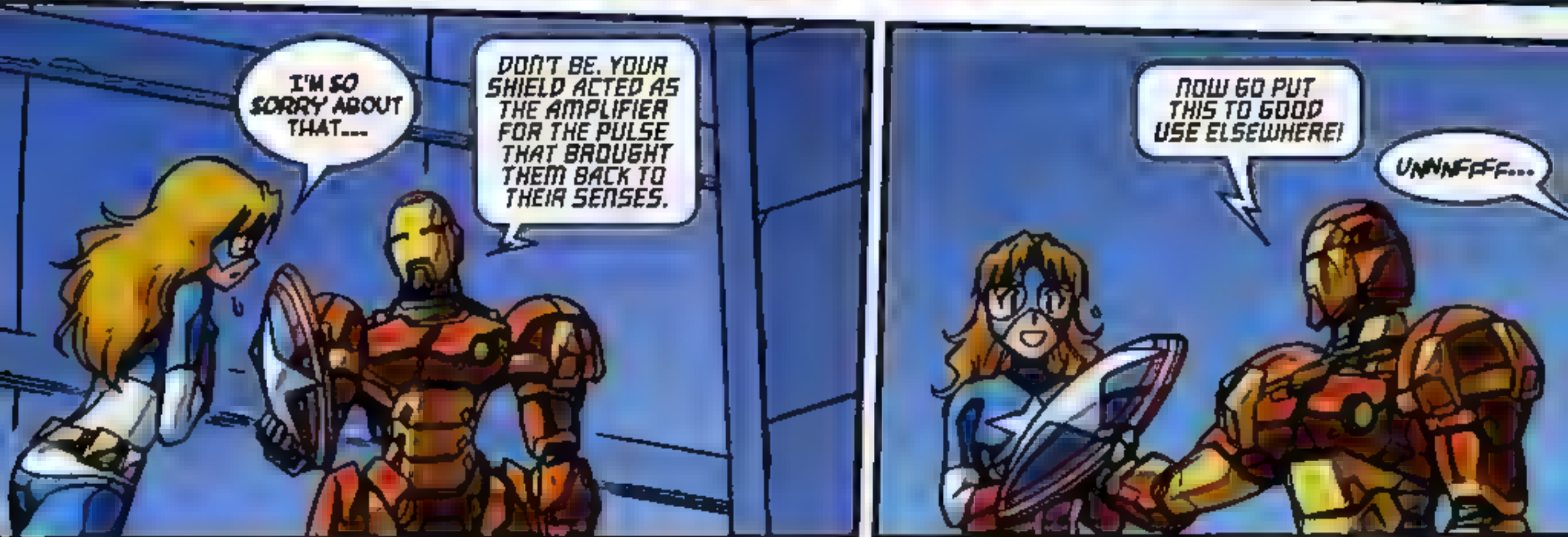
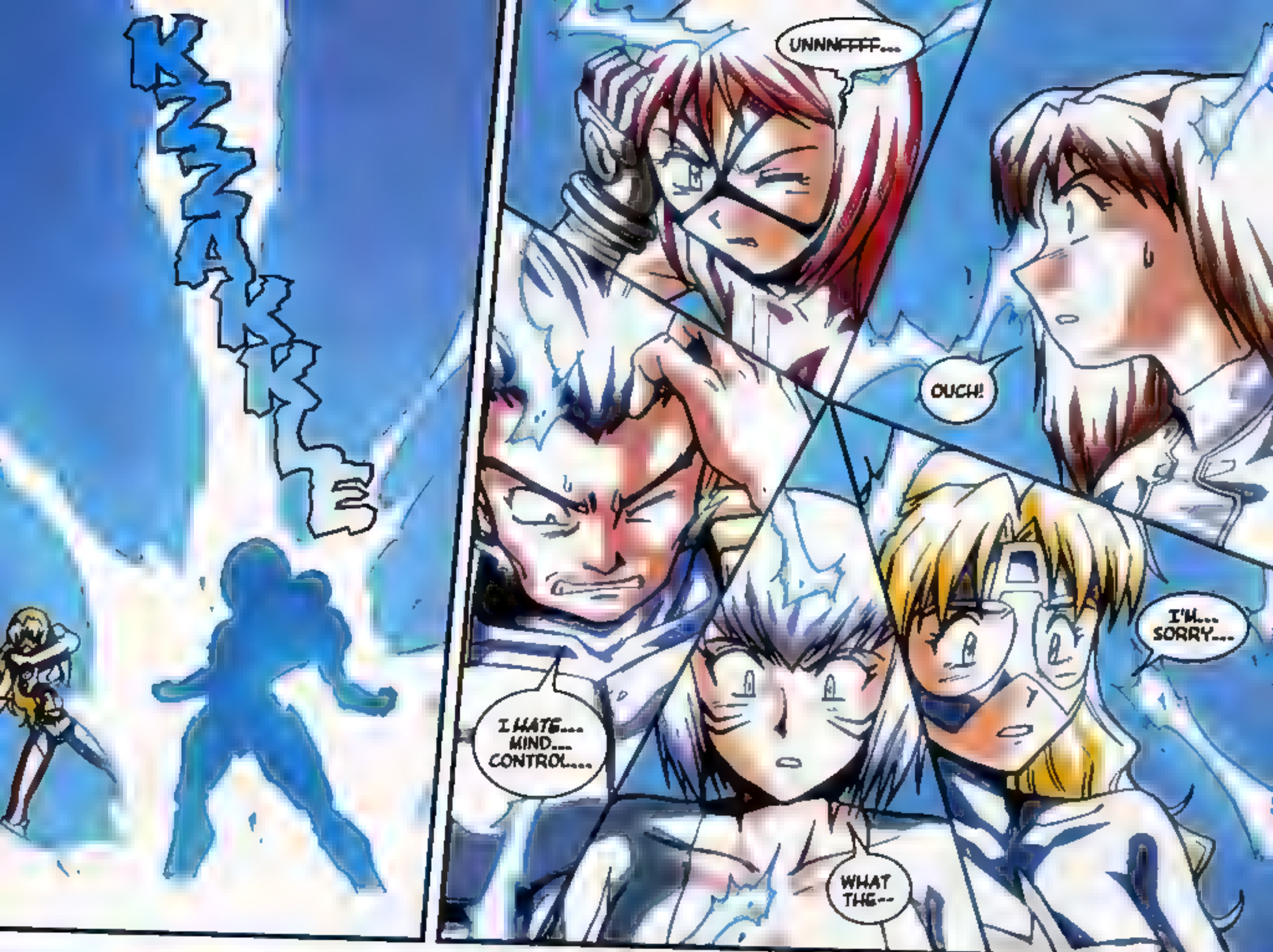


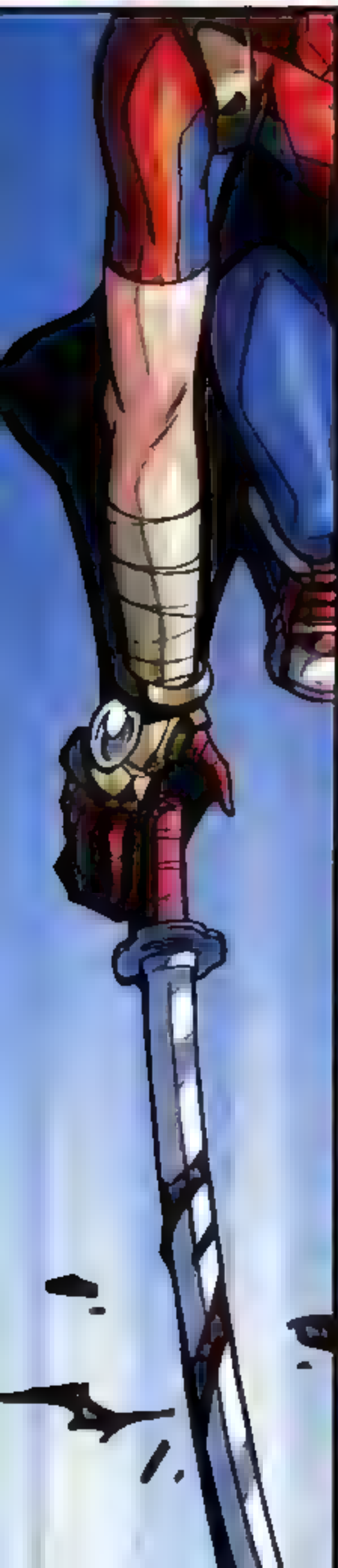
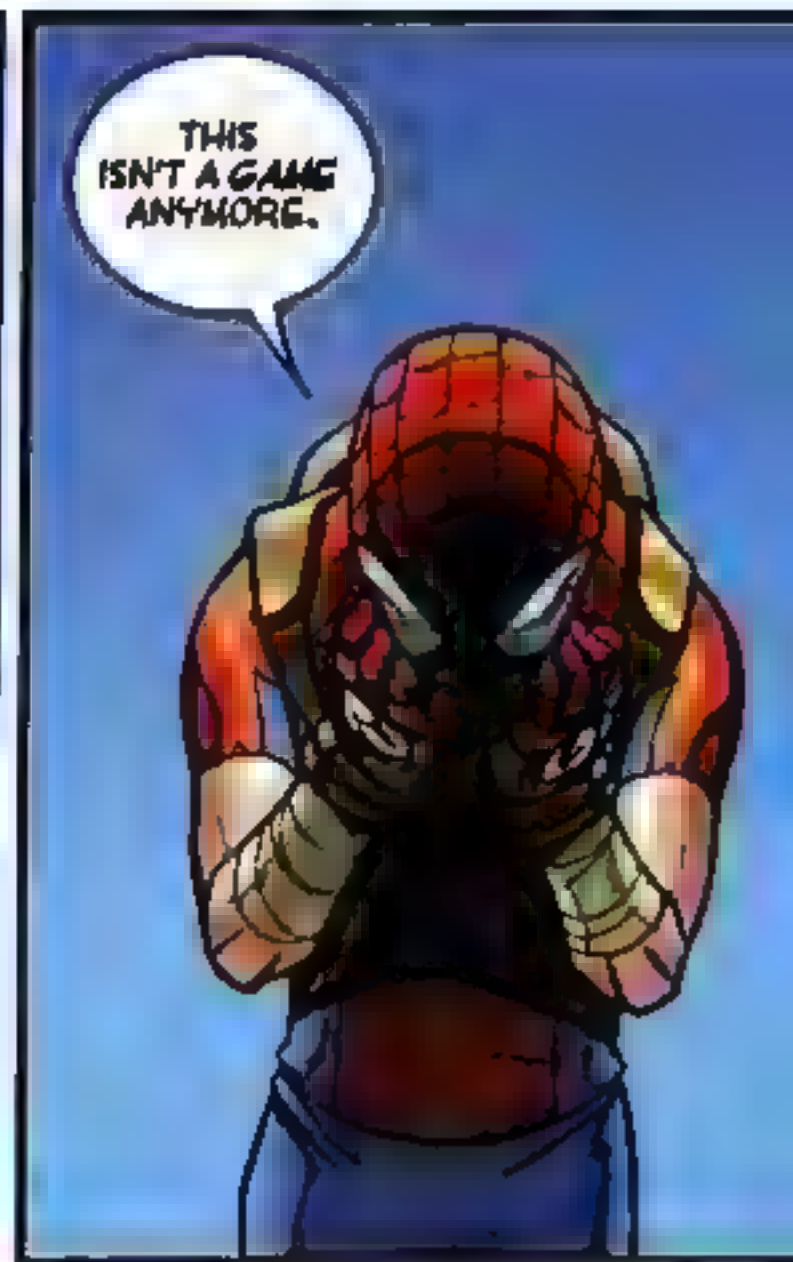
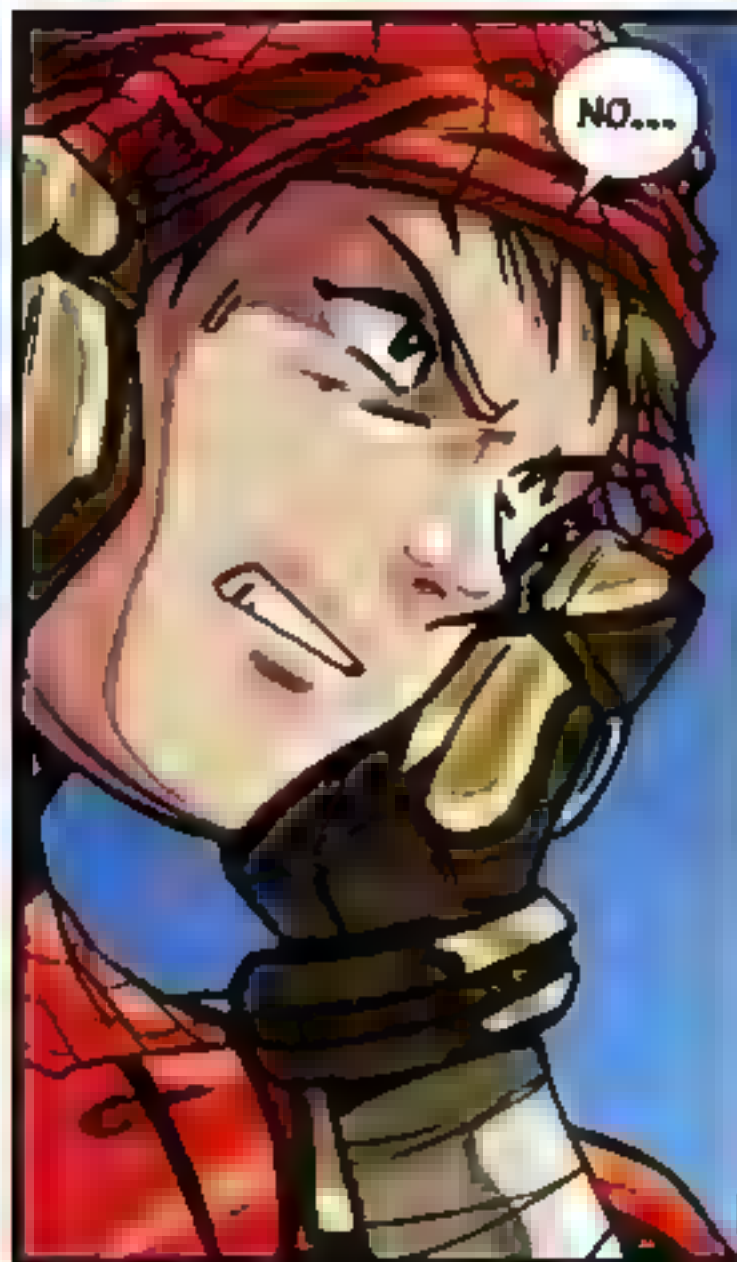
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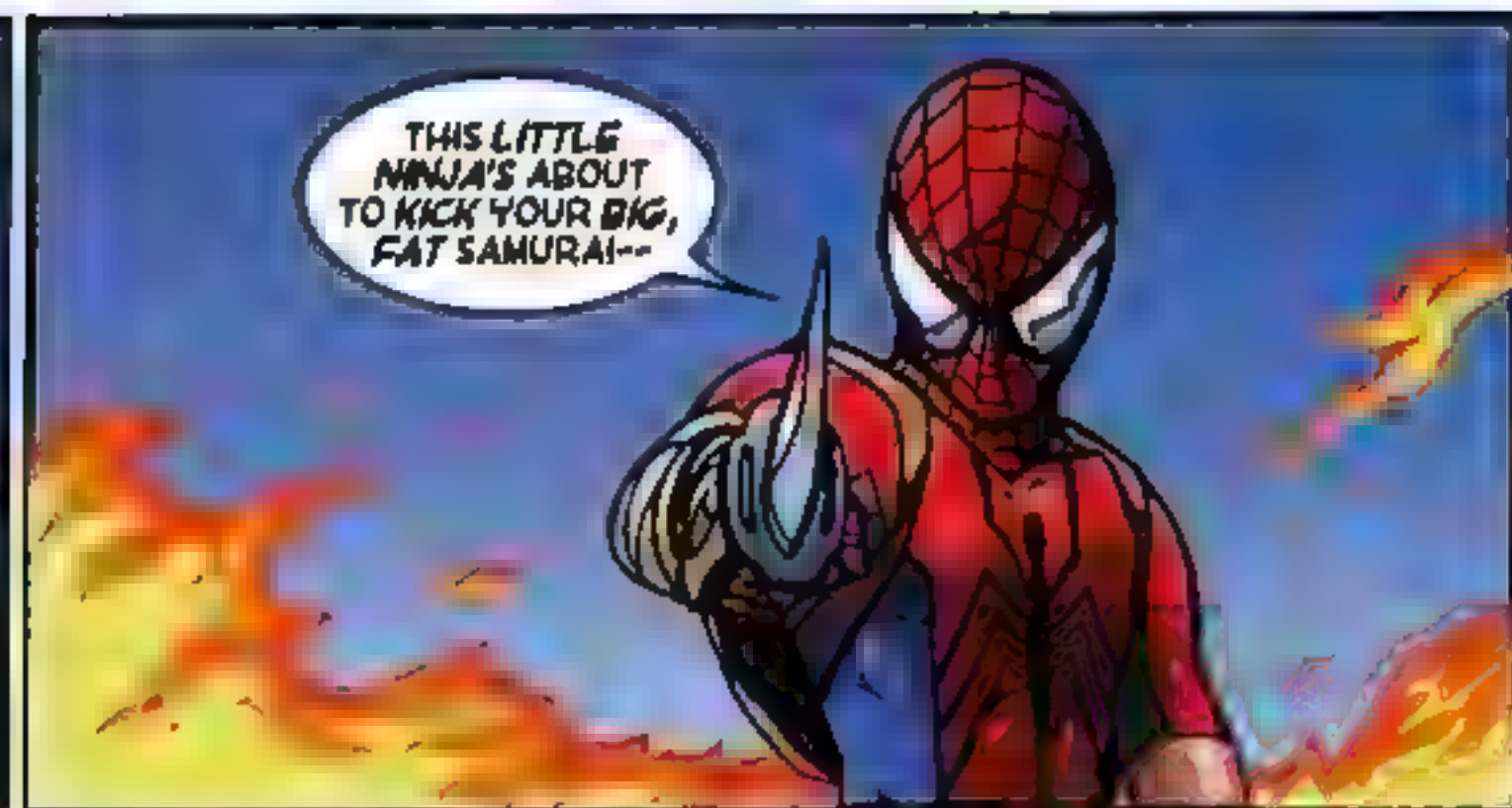


IT'S NO USE.
WE'VE GOT TO--







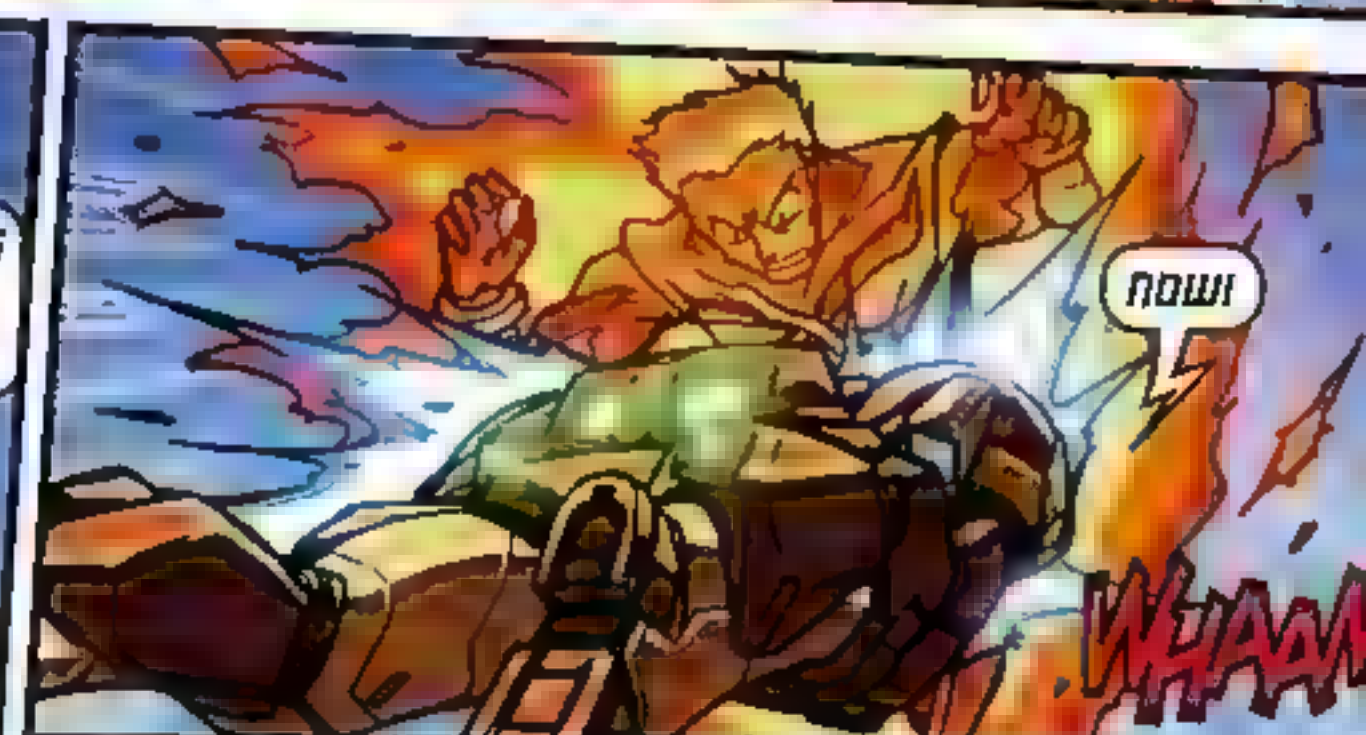


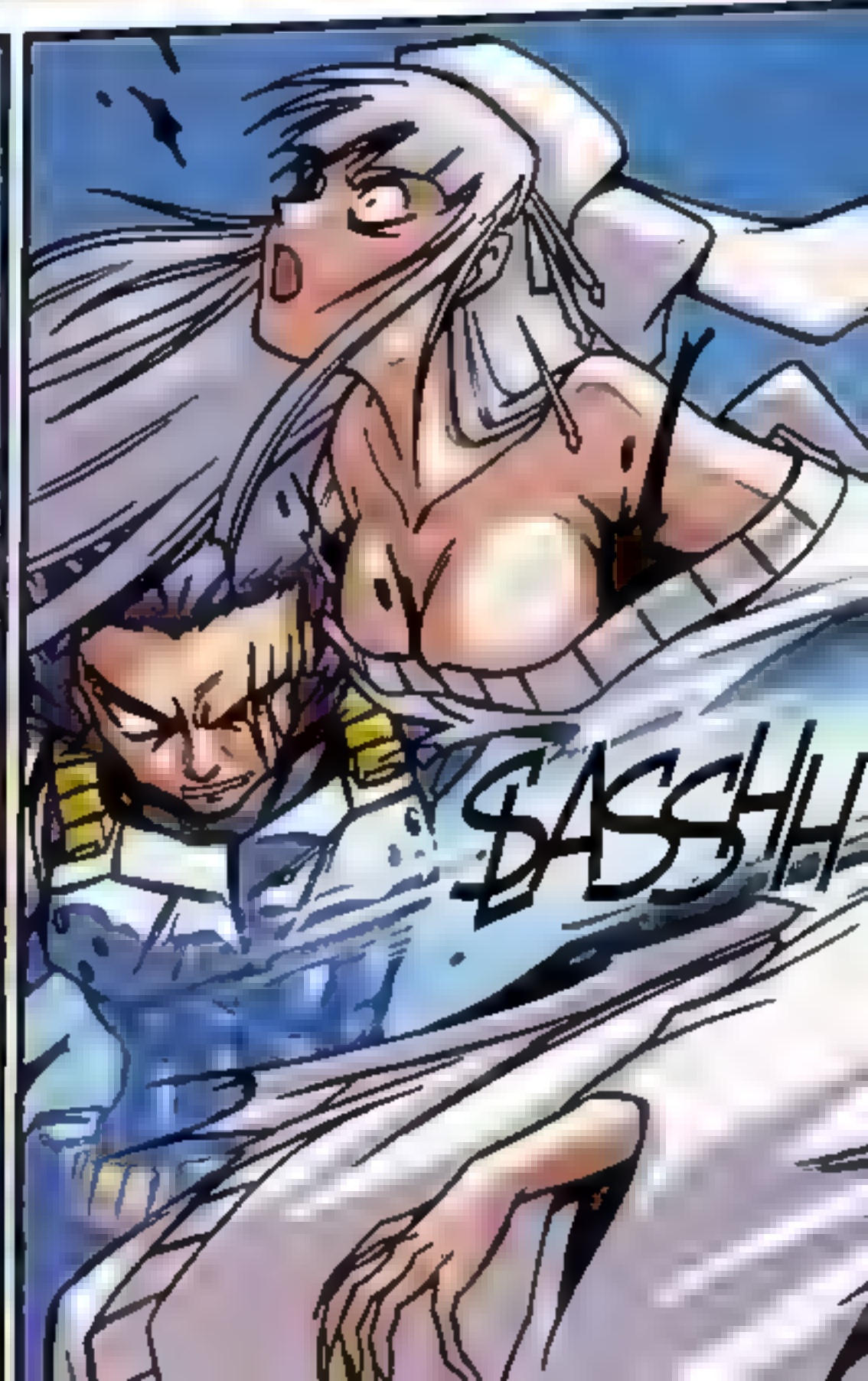
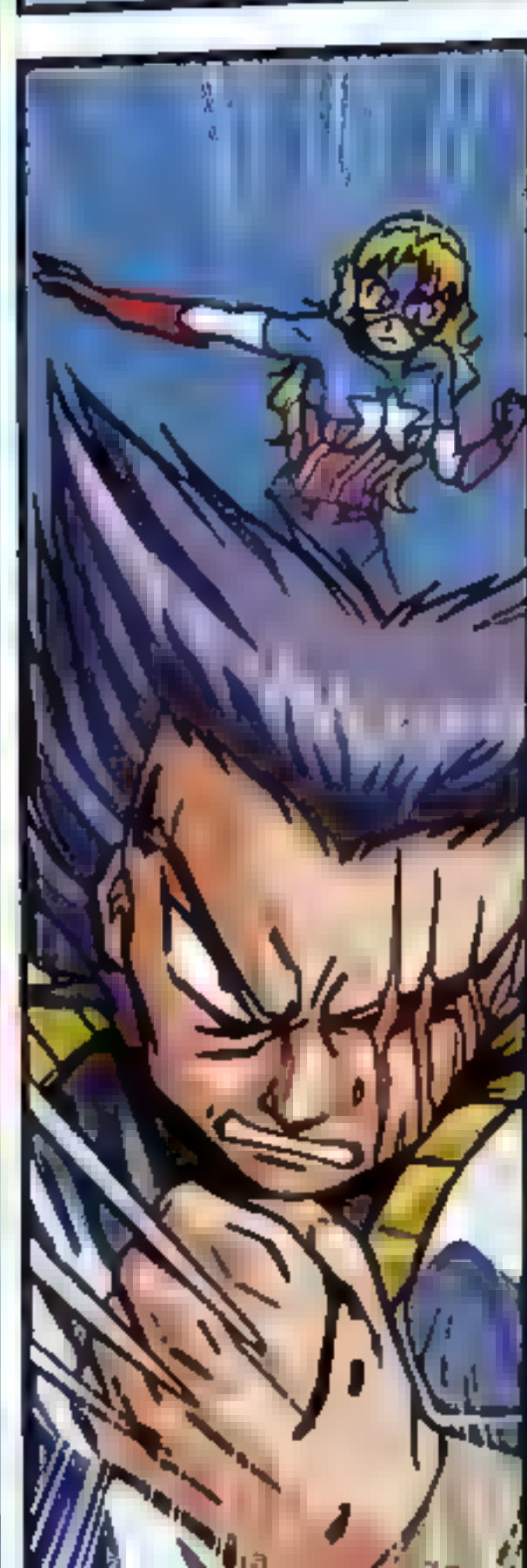
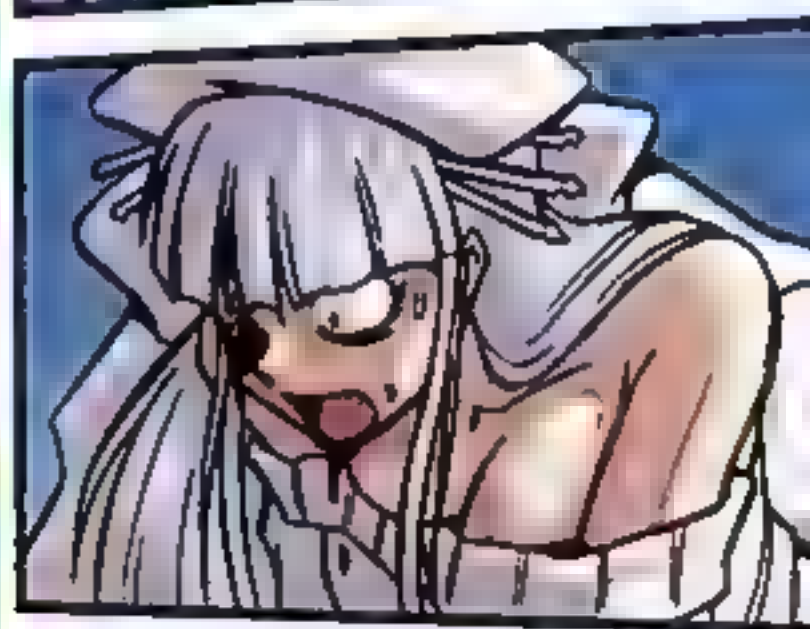


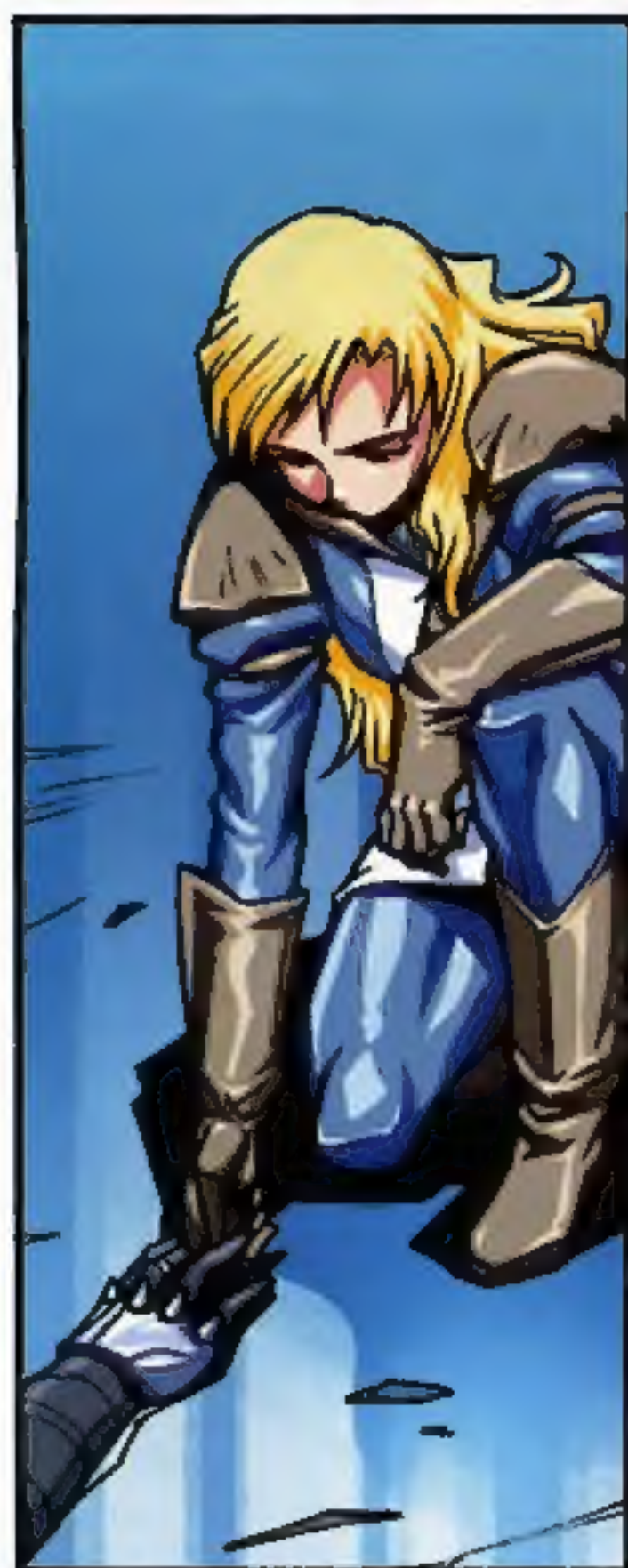
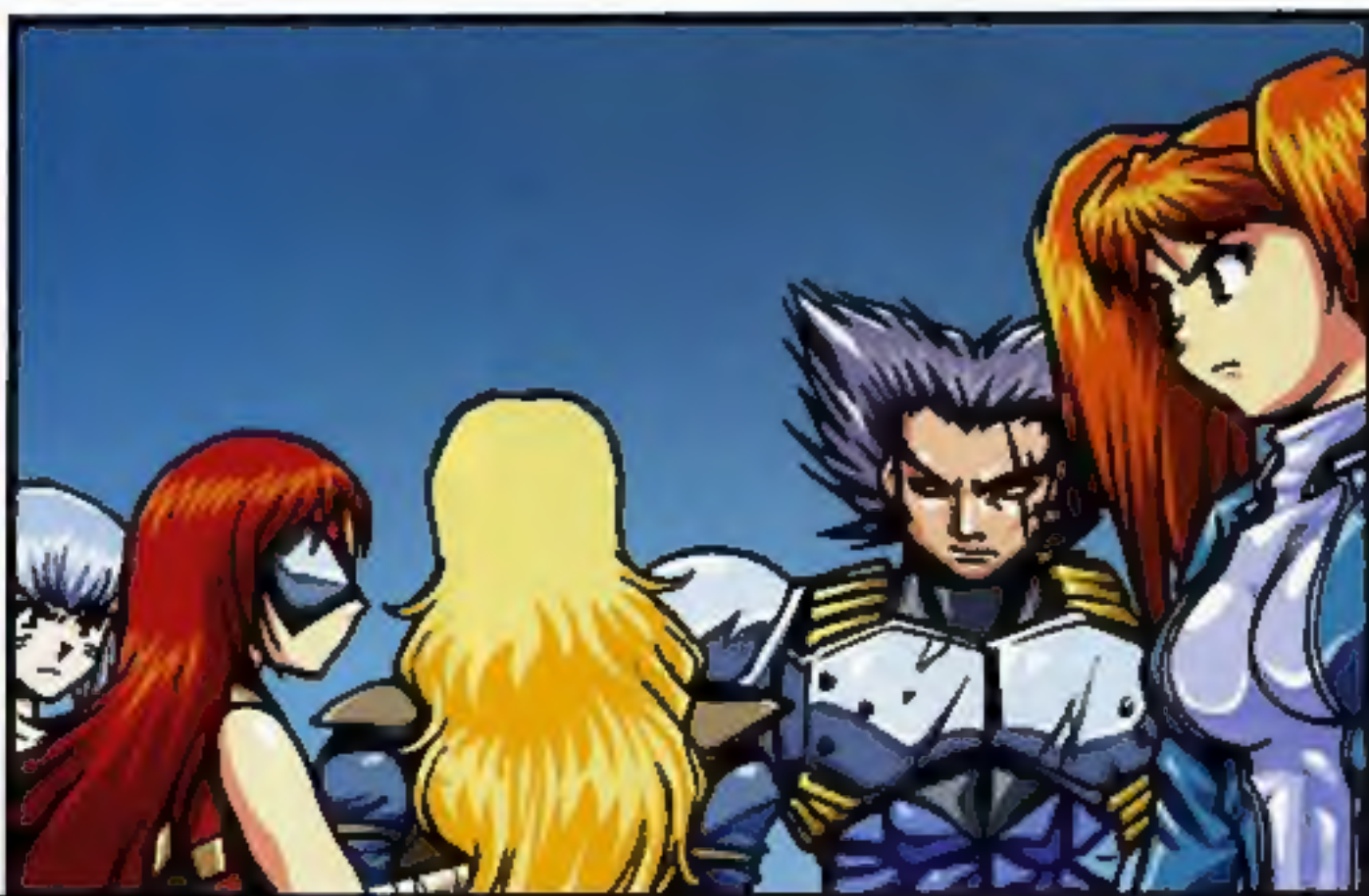
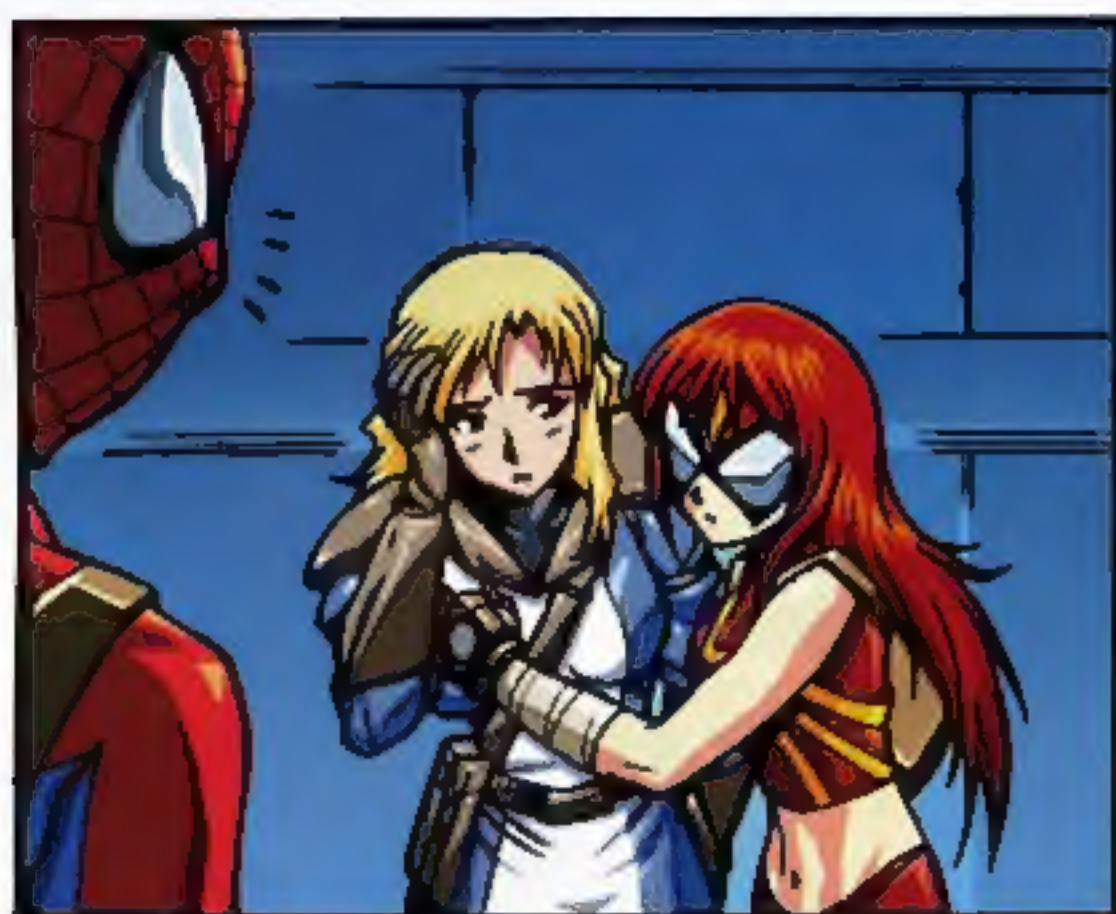
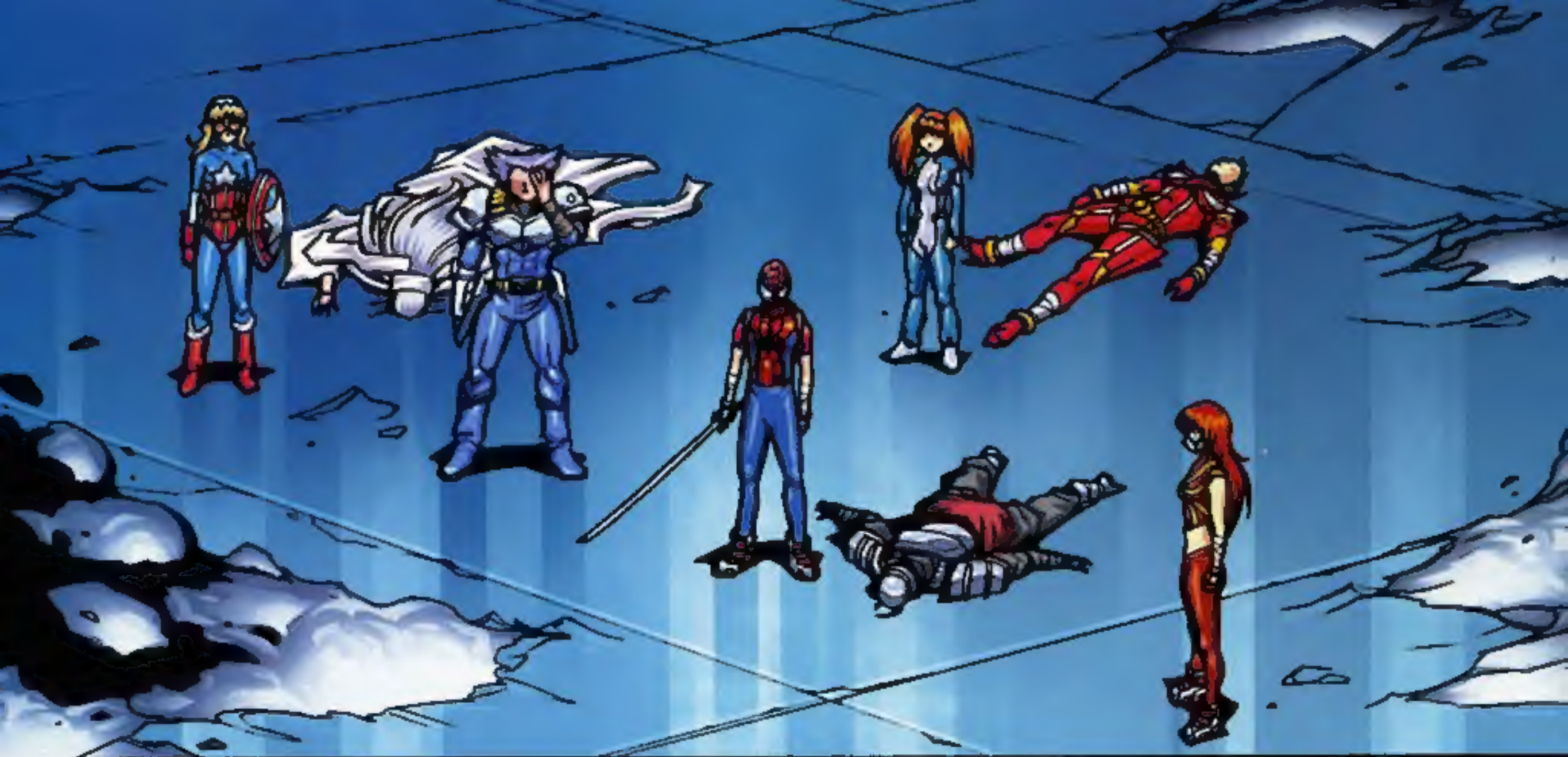
UNNFFF!

HA
HA
HA

WHOOOSH







IT'S ALL MY
FAULT. I LET
THIS HAPPEN! NICK
FURY WOULD HAVE
NEVER LET THINGS
ESCALATE THIS
FAR!



ALL THOSE
HEROES... ALL
YOUR FRIENDS...
THEY DIED BECAUSE
I TOOK CONTROL OF
S.H.I.E.L.D. FROM
FURY...

I'M SO
SORRY.



DON'T BE
TOO HARD ON
YOURSELF, DIRECTOR
CARTER. THIS ISN'T
YOUR FAULT.

YOU
WEREN'T
RESPONSIBLE
FOR ALL THE
CARNAGE.



THE
HAND
WAS.

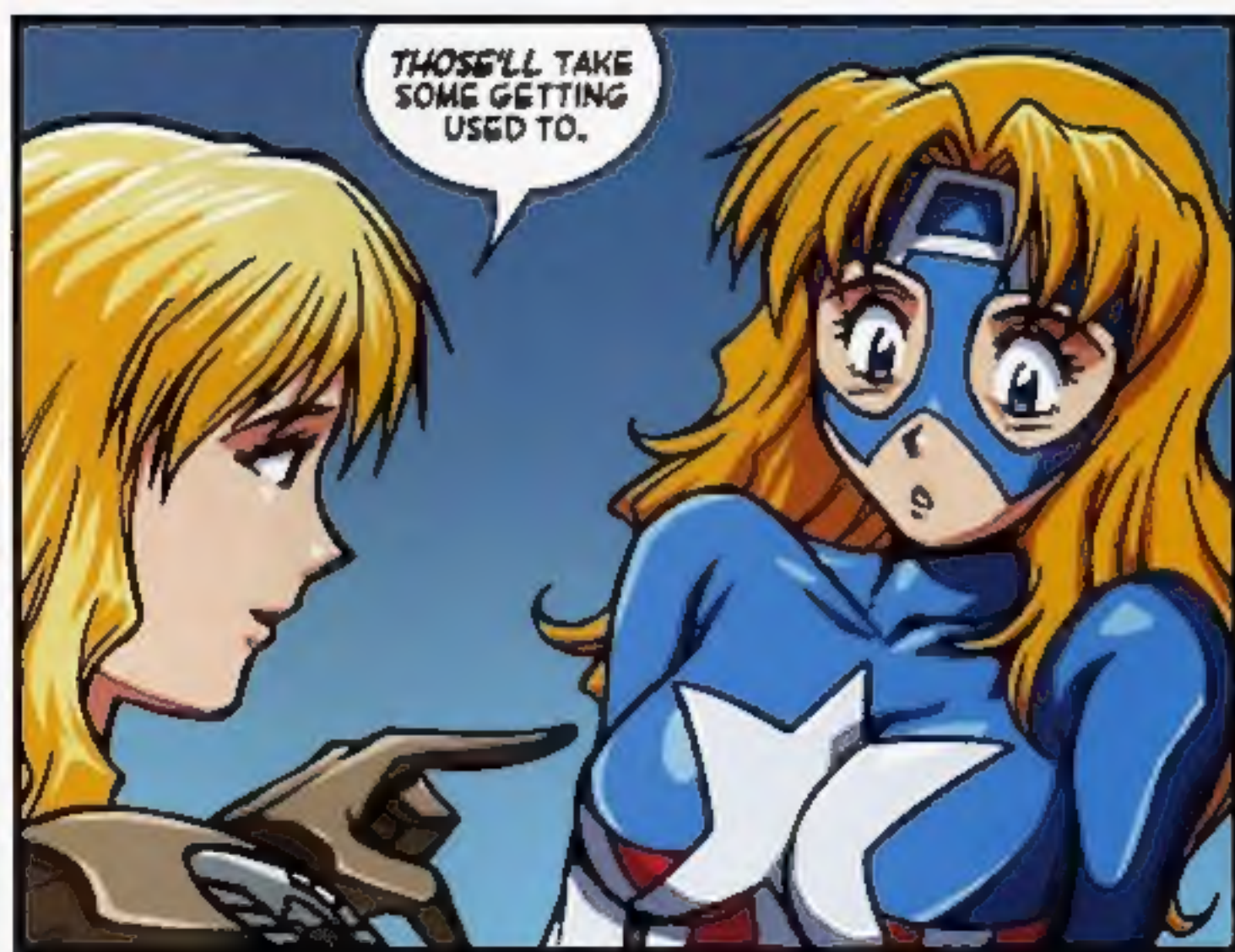
THE GUILTY
HAVE BEEN
PUNISHED.

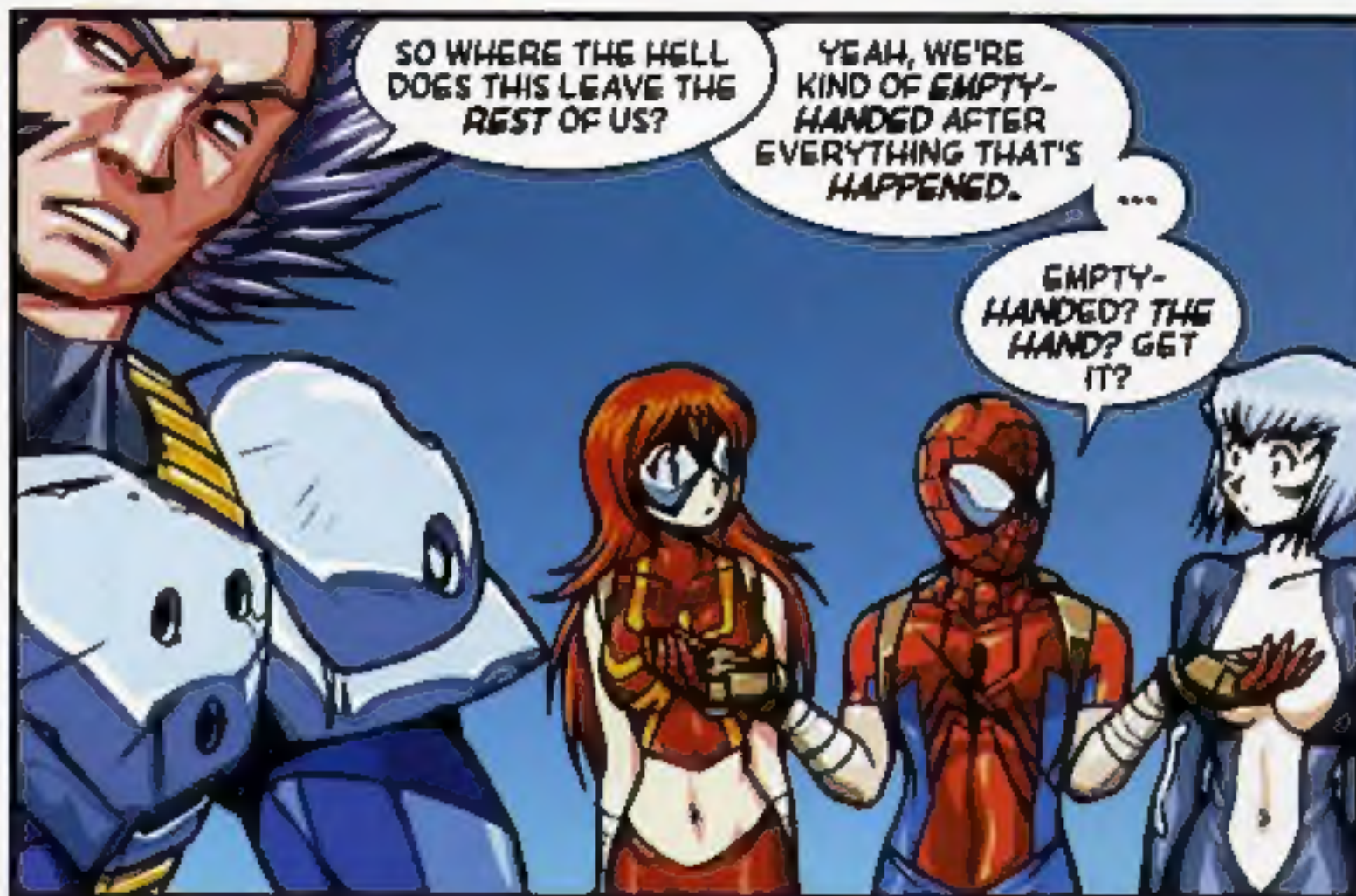
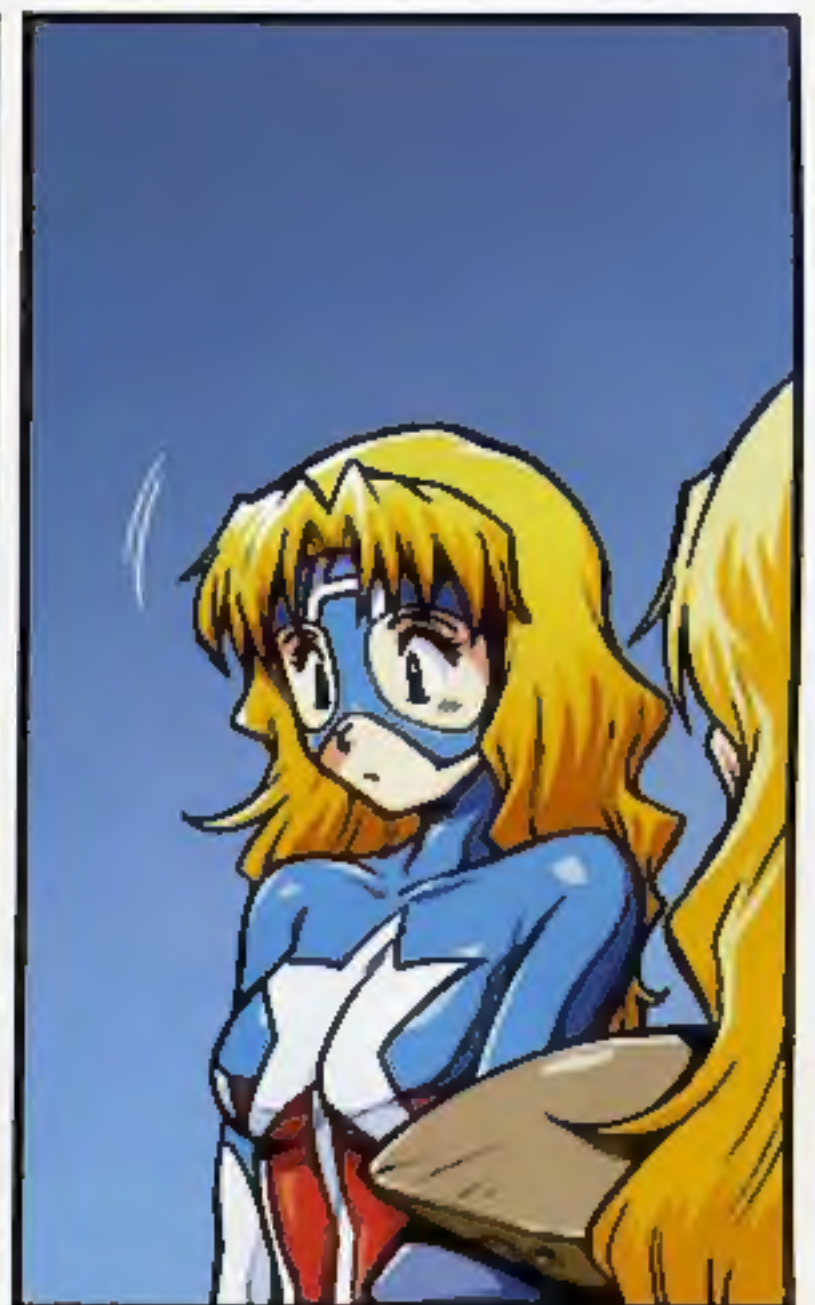


SO YOU'RE THE
NEW CAPTAIN
AMERICA,
EH?



THOSE'LL TAKE
SOME GETTING
USED TO.







THE
FALLEN WILL
BE AVENGED!

HA HA HA

WOLVERINE'S
STILL GOT HIS
SENSE OF HUMOR,
I SEE!

THIS IS
PRICELESS!
WIRING YOU WITH
OPTIC VIDEO FEEDS
PAID OFF IN
SPADES.



IF AVENGING'S WHAT
THESE CLOWNS WANNA
SPEND THEIR REMAINING
DAYS DOING, THEY CAN
BE MY GUESTS.

THEY BETTER
GET READY
TO BE BUSY,
THOUGH...

...BECAUSE THERE'S
A WHOLE LOT MORE
DEATH HEADED
THEIR WAY.

AIN'T
THAT RIGHT,
BABE?



THE SOONER
I CAN HELP YOU
GET RID OF THOSE
LOSERS, FURY,
THE HAPPIER
I'LL BE.

AND THEY
DON'T SUSPECT
A THING, EH?



THEY HAVE
NO IDEA WHAT
THEY'RE IN
FOR!



THE END.